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Thu 0330	WRMI	9955 [confirmed on webcast]
Thu 2100	WTWW	9479 [confirmed]
Fri 0328v	WWRB	3195 [confirmed]
Sat 0130v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB Area 51 [confirmed]
Sat 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955
Sat 2330v	WTWW	9930
Sun 0400	WTWW	5830
Sun 2315v	WTWW	9930
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955 [or maybe 1666 if ready in time]

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** ALASKA. 7355, April 11 at 1224, nondescript music, 1226 `The English Express` about conversational English, this time explaining the expression ``Take one for the team``, originating with baseball; fair signal, typical KNLS fare (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Summer A-13 SW schedule of Radio Tirana:
0130-0200 on 9850 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to NoAm English Tue-Sun
0700-0900 on 7390 SHI 100 kW / non-dir to WeEu Albanian
1700-1730 on 7465 SHI 100 kW / non-dir to SoEu Italian Mon-Sat
1730-1800 on 7465 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to WeEu French Mon-Sat
1931-2000 on 7465 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to WeEu German Mon-Sat
2000-2030 on 7465 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to U.K. English Mon-Sat
2300-2400 on 9850 SHI 100 kW / 310 deg to NoAm Albanian (DX RE MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 16, 2013 via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. 11710, April 11 at 0507, CRI English fair signal about virus chickens; whence? Did not realize the CÎrrik relay was doing English at this time, 05-07, 140 degrees; but I do commonly notice the

Arabic relay at same time on 9515, 9590, 11775 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA. New SW Sites Update

High Frequency Coordination Conference Update:

The Algerian Radio does have a service on shortwave, using the facilities of TDF, Telediffusion de France, in Issoudun. But this appears to be temporarily, as engineer Lotfi Chelali of Algeriaís TDA explained to us that they are building two shortwave transmitter sites in Ourgla and Bechar, each with a 300-kilowatt DRM-capable transmitter. These sites are expected to be on air within the next year. The programming is intended for the countries of the Sahel in northwestern Africa; Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Mauritania, Chad and the Polisario front areas (Wavescan NWS216 - April 2013 (Extract), via Ian Baxter, April 14, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

A look at recent GE imagery at both Ourgla and Bechar MW sites still doesn't reveal any new work on the ground in preparation for the SW antennas from recent 2013 & 2012 imagery (Ian Baxter, ibid.)

Schedules for these so far imaginary sites have been registered in HFCC for *years*. Quite a headstart! Maybe hoping to keep the planned frequencies clear? But unfair to real stations (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 8113-USB, VMW Australia Weather, 1041 om with repeated longitude weather conditions 11 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 11387-USB, April 11 at 1300, robo YL in Oz English with VOLMET; quite weak and could never catch a location, but an unholy mix of English and metric units, kilometres and feet and knots, depending on the item; ``out`` and off at 1304:20. Per
http://www.dxinfocentre.com/volmet.htm#11.3
11387 VOLMET 00, 30 AXQ421 AUS Australian (Brisbane)
to be followed at 05 by Calcutta, but nothing heard here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 15400, April 11 around 1245, HCJB, VG signal in S Asian language but mentions `Back to the Bible` and `George Lucas` in same sentence, mixed with S Asian songs, which are interrupted for talk bits. EiBi shows Hindi during this quarter-hour on Thursdays, i.a. In the clear now, but after 1300 colliding with Iran`s Urdu service, e.g. at 1327 check making fast SAH, while Iran is good and clear on / 15300. At 1410 rerecheck still a bad mix here on 15400. I`ve mentioned this a few times, and yet to see any comment about this situation from

monitors in S Asia, where I think it must be a severe problem.

15340 also VG at same time, as a brief period when Kununurra is running two transmitters at once. EiBi shows daily at 1230-1300 this one is in RWG = Rawangi, with 60 kilospeakers each in Burma, and Arunachal Pradesh, India (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. 6140, April 11 at 1145, RA is poor but clear here, a few sex behind stronger // 6150 which is colliding with CUBA. 6140 is in A-13 schedule at 11-13, 13 degrees from Kranji, SINGAPORE.

11945, April 11 at 1258, RA English audible here until abrupt 1259*, now poor signal as aimed toward Asia; this is Shepparton-C, an SW100A, which now retunes to 11665 for the Chinese sesquihour.

12065, April 12 at 1354, RA VG with `On This Day` in history, but skipping 1945y! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9474.0 (listed 9475), R. Australia with an hour of news and music in Tok Pisin (talk pidgin), a Creole spoken by a million people in New Guinea. Thereís an ongoing outbreak of Dengue Fever in the Solomon Islands and itís spreading. [Nasty! They call it "Breakbone Fever". It doesnít break your bones, it just feels like it.] In the middle of some catchy "island music", they went off the air (1057 UT) and reappeared a few minutes later weaker and with heavy fading, obviously on another curtain. Copy was solid nonetheless.

At 1100 into the news in English. The lead story: Australian PM Julia Gillard is totally agog over negotiating yearly "leadership talks" with China. China is bending over. Oz is puckered. Thatcherís death got passing mention in the news segment but there was a lengthy current affairs piece later on. The sports Down Under are soccer, soccer and soccer. (What -- no Aussie rules football? I guess it is the wrong season -kvz) "Australian parents with severely disabled children can currently apply to a Tribunal to have their offspring sterilized without their consent. But disability advocates and the United Nations want the practice criminalised, claiming it`s a gross abuse of human rights" Ya think?

They are offering "Australian English" lessons online. Why would anyone want to do that? Those people talk funny. Friend and fellow Brit listener Ian commented: Back in the late 60s there was a move in Oz to have compulsory lessons in how to speak "English" properly because a lot of immigrants were hard to understand. This applied especially to the Scots. You can imagine the comments in the Scottish newspapers of the time. "For a bunch of deported criminals, theyíve got a bloody cheek" sort of summed it up. 09-Apr 1000-1200 (Marc Kulbacki, Windsor ON, MARE Tipsheet April 12 via DXLD)

9475.0, April 14 at 1224 check, R. Australia in English on nominal frequency, despite Kulbacki, Ontario log of April 9 in the MARE Tipsheet that it was on 9474.0 --- error, or was the WTWW 9479 offsetting contagious?

12080, April 15 at 0513, fair signal from RA with `Pacific Beat`. This is the 10 kW Brandon, Qsld transmitter aimed 80 degrees at 20-12 UT, the final hour in DRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. 15155, April 11 at 2048, ``How Great Thou Art`` hymn, heavy flutter, French talk but accented almost Creolish. HFCC reveals it`s AWR via Moosbrunn to Africa, during this semihour only.

BTW, replying to Joe Hanlon`s comment in DXLD 13-13, ``Indeed that's all it's registered for in A13 -- 6155 at 05-0615, per HFCC. I'd bet you that ORF will be off SW by the end of the year (Joe Hanlon, NJ, March 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` --- Patrick Robic in Austria says:

``ORF will be on shortwave as long as the Moosbrunn transmitter site is on air. As Wolf Harranth explained some time ago in German language A-DX mailing list, an ORF transmission is the legal requirement for selling airtime to foreign customers. But ORF don¥t pay for this transmission so you don¥t have to expect more than a minimum schedule. 73, Patrick``.

11955, April 14 at 0512, African music with drumming, call-and-response, really exotic, but per HFCC it`s only AWR in Hausa, 0500-0530, 300 kW, 190 degrees from Moosbrunn; good signal with flutter (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZERBAIJAN. 9677.6, tentative, Nagorno Karabagh, V of Justice, *0600-0631* anthem at sign off 6 April (XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Bob Wilkner, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9677 / 0900 / 29/03 / AZE / Tol?s,stoni S?do, Stepanakert (5 kW), Talysh. lang. / 45343 (Alexander Beryozkin, The place for St. Petersburg, Russia, Receiver: ICOM IC-7000, Antenna: a triangle with a perimeter of 160 meters, RusDX 14 April via DXLD)

Original had TolI- I without a dot, and s with a sedilla; Sedo, with an inverted e (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZERBAIJAN. Hi Glenn! During this report of French TV station France24 about Karabakh there is a 1:30 minute (starting at 8:40) segment about the Voice of Justice:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rocjl1mbwW8

73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, 8/4 1705*, Bangladesh Betar, in Bengali, news & end of broadcast, fair.

7250, 8/4 1659, Bangladesh Betar, songs, bad modulation, strong (but QRM AIR // 12025) (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 15505, Bangladesh Betar, Apr 07 *1357-1408, 25332, Urdu 1357 sign on with IS, ID, Opening music, Opening announce, ID, News 15505, Bangladesh Betar, Apr 12 *1513-1520, 35333-35322, Hindi, 1513 sign on with IS, ID, Opening music, Opening announce, News (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, April 11 at 1359, propagation from this area is pitiful today, but I do make out a JBA timesignal about 9 seconds fast before 1400 as BB is starting Urdu. Typo in yesterday`s initial report: timesignal to 1359:48.5, not 1358:48.5.

15505, April 12 from *1358, BB IS is JBA today, but I can make out the timesignal ending 16 seconds early.

15505, April 13 at 1407 check, BB hum is louder than the presumed Urdu modulation. Missed the off-time signal circa 1400.

15505, April 14 before 1358, BB carrier is on but very poor with flutter; then by 1359 detectable IS, and time signal ending three seconds before 1400, Urdu service.

15505, April 15 at *1358, BB carrier on and clear, no hum, no mod, no IS, poor strength; 1359:46 cut on last pip of timesignal plus hum, announcement and theme opening Urdu.

15505, poor April 16 at 1358 BB is on with IS, hum & buzz, timesignal ending at 1359:44, which is rather typical, opening Urdu.

15505, April 17 at 1355, Bangladesh Betar carrier is already on, and initially pure and clean; 1356 starts tone and hum simultaneously as site brings up feed from studio; 1358:30 hum continues as switch to IS. Also parasitic peaks of noise detectable about 4.4 kHz above and below. Timesignal ends at 1359:44.5, opening Urdu. I hope no vessel is

depending on this for navigation, lest it run into a reef or a peak (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. 11730, 13/Apr 2003, R Belarus in Spanish. OM presents newscast. Unsolved problem: modulation low and bassy. At 2009 ID by Om: "Estimados oyentes de Radio Belarus". 43433 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west. Escutas (listening, my blog):
http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006
The best of Brazilian music:
http://www.novabrasilfm.com.br/
A bit of my city:
http://www.skyscrapercity.com/showthread.php?t=1443186
dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11930, April 16 at 0540, heavy beat music, undermodulated, fair with no Cuban jamming for a change, on summer frequency ex-7255. Aoki and HFCC show Belaruskaye Radio 1 at 0400-0700, 250 kW, 72 degrees from Minsk-Kalodzicy (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BENIN. QSL: TWR Benin, Parakou, 1566, full data transmitter-building-generator eQSL in 1 day (!) for English email report sent to Lorraine Stavropoulos, lstavrop at twr dot org. Really a very nice eQSL, signed by Ms. Stavropoulos. A friendly verifier.

Benin is my first transatlantic African mediumwave verified, and has seemed pretty much to be the last hurrah of the winter mediumwave DX season for me. At only [sic] 100 kW, it was quite a catch, especially when 50 kW 1560 WQEW Radio Disney out of New York is banging away. Benin was best heard on USB with a narrow filter. Watch for the female voice IDs and the "Your friendly voice in Africa" slogans. The show I caught was in English at 0315 (sounded like that's when they sign-on), but they went to a vernacular (Hausa?) at 0330. I believe I also heard India's 1 MW powerhouse behind them in English.

Good DX to all, and may your mailbox be ever full of QSLs! 73 (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Microtelecom Perseus / Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop, April 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, R. Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba *0830-0843 April 9; Carrier on at 0830; announcer in listed Quecha with s/on announcement; talk over music; very weak at s/on, though rapidly improving (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 60m dipole, 200' Beverages, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 1000-1027 om and yl in language

under crackle of distant thunderstorm 13 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.94, 10/4 0013, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, talks, poor/weak (Giampiero Bernardini, with Dario Monferini I was some days at Bocca di Magra, small village in La Spezia Province (Liguria, Italy): BOC29 DX nights. RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4699.9, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 0950 to 1000 sign on most mornings 8, 9 and 11 April (XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Wilkner, and Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4795.87, Radio LÌpez, Uyuni, no logs, silent again? (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, and XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Wilkner, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. ´ltimas escutas realizadas aqui em Alta Floresta d¥Oeste:

5952, 2126, 13/04, Emisoras Pio XII, mx regional, SS, Siglo Veinte, 55343

4735, 2130, 13/04, R. Universit·ria, Cobija, SS, nx em espanhol em fv, 55433, JFN

4650, 2130, 13/04, R. Santa Ana, Santa Ana Dell Yacun [sic], SS, mx instrumental, 55333, JFN Receptores Degen 1103 e MotoglobeAntenas: Loopstick ge AM e TelescÛpica (Joviniano Furtado Neto/PW8001SWL, Alta Floresta d¥Oeste-RO, Brasil, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

! The first log is certainly correct, but no such station listed on 4735, and R. Santa Ana del Yacuma was last known on 4451, as in WRTH 2013, 2012. Bob Wilkner, Florida just reported Yacuma March 23 on 4451.2.

Aoki, which preserves numerous dead LA stations, shows:
4732 Radio Uniersitaria [sic] 2200-0100 .234567 Spanish 1 ND Cobija Pando BOL 06845W 1101S Uni. WRTH 2011 also had it on 4732, gone from WRTH 2012 and 2013.

According to LA SW Logs, 4732 was last reported in July 2008:
4732.1v BOL R. Universitaria, Cobija [*1100/2230-0255*] (1.95-4.0) Jul08 H e SS (irr/off) (a)"Somos R Universitaria"
Altho this reference has not been updated since February 2012.

http://www.mcdxt.it/LASWLOGS.html

DSWCI has just published the Domestic Broadcasting Survey No. 15:

B 4451,2 1 BOL R Santa Ana, Santa Ana del 1000-1700 1930-2400v S Yacuma, Beni MAR13
and nothing anywhere near 4732 or 4735

In the deleted since May 2008 section:
4732,2 BOL R Universitaria, Cobija, Pando JUL08

And nothing around 4650, which means that frequency must have been deleted even earlier than 2008

Of course, there is always a chance these two stations have just reappeared unexpectedly. Therefore it would be extremely important to cite an ID heard, which is not done, making them suspicious as list-loggings on long-outdated info. But if he did hear something on 4650 and 4735, what could they have been? Others please monitor! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: Bolivians back on 4735, 4650?? Glenn, Bolivians are not very well received up here on Cape Cod but I thought I would just check these out since I was listening. 4451 - I am getting a definite wave sine on the Perseus here. Appears to be drifting between 4451.14 to 4451.2. There is no audio and severe local atmospheric noise. This was a 2235 UT 16 April. A check of the other 2 frequencies mentioned, 4735 & 4650, shows nothing. No audio, no wave, not that I expected anything. Santa Cruz on 6134.8 is coming in very nicely right about now (Stephen C Wood, Harwich, Mass., Perseus SDR with 25 x 50 foot Northeast terminated superloop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AsÌ lo solicita Don Glenn Hauser en la lista DXLD. Yo no tengo rcpcn decente desde hace eones (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4716.65, Radio Yatun Ayllu Yura, Yura, 2340 noted en espaÒol with good signal; later carrier but no audio at 0400 to 0416 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4716.8 approx., April 14 at 0050, R. Yatun Ayllu Yura, Yura, presumed on unique off-frequency, better than usual on almost-nitely chex, with Andean music, 0053 Spanish announcement, 0055 mentions ``Sr. Jesucristo``.

5580.36, April 14 at 0111 carrier,, and then some music audible, 0112 announcement, presumed. R. San JosÈ on its WOOB and unique frequency.

5952+ R Pio XII had usual good signal, but 6135- R. Santa Cruz, which would be best, already absent by 0111 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5952.40v, Radio Pio Doce, 0148-0230*, April 17. 0228 ñ always nice to hear their distinctive whistling ìColonel Bogey Marchî (commonly known as the River Kwai March) along with ID followed by chimes and off; mostly poor (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST

** BOLIVIA. 6024.97, Apr 11, 2256, R. Illimani ñ Red Patria Nueva. Got an alert from Martien Groot about a station on this frequency at 2218 onwards. He had very little audio and I checked my Perseus files and sent a recording to Henrik Klemetz who says ìIt is Radio Illimani now also using the slogan Red Patria Nueva as a complement.
http://www.radios.la/radio31-Noticias-Bolivia-Patria-Nueva---Radio-Illimani-en-VIVO.html

The next day the frequency was covered by Xisang, [Xizang = Tibet] China. Thanks to Martien, Mauno and especially Henrik Klemetz for identification of this one. Also noted on my Perseus recordings on Apr 14 at 0056 and 0226 when China was off again. Decent signal but very low audio this night (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

6054.466, Apr 6 -2204* UNID. For the first time I managed to get some weak audio out of this one. Earlier only the carrier visible. Sign off each night at about 2205. Most likely R Juan 23 which has been heard by Daniel Wyllyans Oliveira; See
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctLnhyxOaig
Unfortunately he didnít mention the exact frequency in this clip (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.8, Radio Santa Cruz 1005 Radio Santa Cruz ID "..desde Santa Cruz, Bolivia", 555 on 13 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6134.81, 10/4 0009, Radio Santa Cruz, Bolivia, talks Spanish, fair/good, great ID at 0121.

6154.92, 10/4 0124, Radio Fides, La Paz, Bolivia, talks politics, music, fair (RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra; QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italy; Operatori: Dario Monferini & Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL [and non]. Jan Edh: ƒnnu ett livstecken frÂn Hudiksvall / Fredriksfors LA-QSL %r man ju inte bortsk%md med pÂ kortvÂg numer, sÂ mycket trevligare dÂ att kunna ber%tta om det. Fˆr nÂgra veckor sedan svarade Bruce Maddux trevligt i ett par mail frÂn Radio Chaski 5980.

Och i dag (8/4) kom ett svar frÂn Raimari Cardoso, direktˆr pÂ Radio Educadora 6 de Agosto i Xapuri. Stationen pÂ 3355 har jag jagat i mÂnga Âr, men aldrig fÂtt fram nÂgot vettigt av. Men den 1 april var det dags. Kv%llen/natten mot 1 april var det fina sunsetˆppningar mot v%stra Brasilien och Peru pÂ mellanvÂg och samtidigt gick ocksÂ Xapuristationen "som tÂget". Och nu kom ett trevligt svar frÂn direktˆren, som beklagade att han inte hade nÂgot QSL-kort att skicka. Jag som var sÂ glad fˆr ett email...

Jan Edh: Another sign of life from Hudiksvall / Fredriksfors. You're not spoiled with LA QSL from shortwave nowadays, so it is very nice to be able to tell you about it. A few weeks ago Bruce Maddux of Radio Chaski 5980 verified in a few emails.

And today (Apr 8) I got a verification from Raimari Cardoso, director of R·dio Educadora 6 de Agosto in Xapuri. The station is on 3355. I have been hunting this one for many years, but never manage to get any details. But on April 1, it was time. This evening / night of April 1, there was a good sunset opening towards western Brazil and Peru on medium wave and simultaneously also the Xapuri station could be heard like "that train." And now I also got a nice response from the Director, who regretted he had no QSL cards to send. I who was so happy for just an email (Jan Edh, SW Bulletin April 14, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST; who adds: I don't know the translation of the Swedish "gÂ som tÂget". It means that something is running very very good. 73 Thomas Nilsson --- maybe ``right on track``? (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4825.0, April 14 at 0101, YL in colloquial Brazilian which rules out the Peruvians offset above and below this frequency, but not which of the two ZYs it be for sure: BraganÁa ou Cachoeira Paulista (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4865.029, Apr 12, 0056, R·dio Verdes Florestas. The last days noted on 4865,019 +/- 10-15 Hz. On Apr 9 observed on 4865.009 at 2256z drifting upwards to 4965.019 at 0057z. On Apr 12 at 2256 noted on 4865.011. Sometimes there is a strong ute carrier on about 4864.6 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4878.25, Brasil, Rdif Roraima, Boa Vista RR, 1020 to 1100, om vocalist with cover for an Elton John song in Portuguese 9 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4905, UnID - Portuguese weak 0000 to 0012 fade out on 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R·dio RelÛgio (Brazil) is really active again on 4905 kHz. Heard this morning (Apr 14, 0620 UT) via SDR in Iceland. The station plays mostly Brazilian pop with some talk including IDs. On every full minute there is a time announcement by a woman (different of what we can hear on 10MHz) with 3 dots. But this time announcement was 17 secs too late this morning! (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4915, Brasil, R Daqui, 2344-2358* total of three IDs, very nice selection of Brasilian pops, excellent signal 8 April (XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Bob Wilkner, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4915.0, April 14 at 0057, fair signal with Portuguese song, vs CODAR chirps; 0059 two shouted IDs as ``A R·dio Daqui`` with AM frequency, 0100 YL DJ and another song. By now it`s the SSOB from South America, much better than usual, making 6-8 bars on the DX-398 meter, and no contest from other Brazilian frequencies 4885, 4925, 5035, etc. Must have a pipeline from Goi,nia, and no sign of the other ZY on 4915, Macap· with 2.5 times the power and 24-hour(?) schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4974.8, Brasil, R·dio Iguatemi, Osasco, SP -? - 2340 OM in Portuguese. No second carrier present from elusive Peru station. OM vocalist to 0000 mentions in Portuguese with no ID. 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 6009.87, Apr 13 0230, LV de tu Conciencia still drifting around. ID at 0231. Nice signal. Weaker signal on 6009.96, tentative R Mil and on 6010.096, tentative InconfidÍncia (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. R·dio Cultura FiladÈlfia, Foz do Iguaz˙, Paran·, Brasil, por los 6105 kHz a las 2043 UT, bastante interferida por CRI en ·rabe 5 kHz m·s abajo:
http://youtu.be/QMe9krzWrC4
-- (Rodolfo Tizzi http://cx2abp.blogspot.com/ dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6105.015, Apr 7, 2130, Tentative, R Cultura FiladÈlfia quite weak just above threshold. The program sounded // to their
webstream but difficult to be 100 % sure when the audio was so low.

That it is R Cultura FiladÈlfia is confirmed by a post in DXLD where you can read: ``R·dio Cultura FiladÈlfia, Foz do IguaÁu, Paran·, Brasil, por los 6105 kHz a las 2043 UT, bastante interferida por CRI en ·rabe 5 kHz m·s abajo: http://youtu.be/QMe9krzWrC4 /Rodolfo Tizzi`` (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Brasil -- ObservatÛrio Nacional, Rio de Janeiro: QSL card received for my e-report to Ricardo JosÈ de Carvalho, Head, Divis„o ServiÁo da Hora, MCTI-ObservatÛrio Nacional Brasil. QSL for my report dated 27 March 2013 on 10000 kHz from 2345 to 2351 UT. Sent via Global Express Mail, which I had to sign for by the USPS. Letter included, noting their power of 1 kW, HF Transmitter Redifon G453, A3H modulation on a 1/2 wavelength horizontal dipole, Longitude 43 13 27.5 W, Latitude 22 53 44.6 S at a height of 37 meters. 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11780, April 17 at 0059 tune-in, ID mentions R·dio MEC non-SW outlets in at least three cities, 0100 ``Nacional informa`` = news. Maybe they already IDed as R. Nacional da AmazÙnia before I tuned in? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ol· Glenn. A R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, R·dio MEC, R·dio Nacional de BrasÌlia e outras fazem parte da EBC, Empresa Brasil de ComunicaÁ„o. Veja o site:
http://www.ebc.com.br/sobre-a-ebc/veiculos-da-ebc/2012/09/radios

A R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia possui uma programaÁ„o independente, mas algumas vezes e por motivos tantos, a RNA retransmite a programaÁ„o de outras emissoras do grupo, na maioria das vezes da R·dio Nacional de BrasÌlia. ¿s vezes tentar entender quando a RNA ir· retransmitir esse ou aquele programa de uma de suas emissoras coligadas È impossÌvel e imprevisÌvel. O certo È que oficialmente as frequÍncias de 11780 kHz e 6180 kHz s„o da R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, qualquer ID em qualquer hor·rio de alguma das outras emissoras do grupo nessas frequÍncias deve ser considerado apenas como uma retransmiss„o em substituiÁ„o de algum programa da RNA que n„o pode ir ao ar ou algum acontecimento extraordin·rio que esteja sendo coberto por umas das outras emissoras do grupo. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11815, 14/Apr 1202, BRASIL, R·dio Brasil Central in Portuguese. Program "Jason Abr„o". Back, but with light buzz on carrier. 45444 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west; Escutas (listening, my blog): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST) Had been way out of whack distorted in the hi 11800s (gh)

** BRAZIL. CONCURSO DXCB OM 2013

Espero poder contar com o prestigio da sua divulgaÁ„o.

No prÛximo dia 05 de Maio, quando se comemora o dia das comunicaÁ¹es, o DX Clube do Brasil promover· o "CONCURSO DXCB OM 2013", visando estimular a pesquisa e escuta de emissoras de Ondas MÈdias (OM), no espectro de freq¸Íncia compreendido entre 530 e 1710 khz.

O concurso È dirigido para radioescutas e dexistas, associados ou n„o do DX Clube do Brasil, que residam em qualquer cidade do territÛrio nacional. Para este concurso n„o ser„o aceitas participaÁ¹es de residentes em outros paÌses.

O concurso iniciar· ‡s 00:00 hs do s·bado, dia 4 de Maio, tendo o seu final previsto para as 23:59 hs do domingo, dia 5 de Maio de 2013. Todos os participantes receber„o por e-mail um diploma de participaÁ„o, independente de quantos registros tenham enviado para a organizaÁ„o do evento.

Os 3 participantes que alcanÁarem as melhores pontuaÁ¹es receber„o prÍmios do DXCB. Os prÍmios ser„o definidos pelo Conselho Executivo e divulgados no site do clube e nas listas Radioescutas e DXCB atÈ a data de inÌcio do concurso.

Preparem seus receptores, antenas e complementos que poder„o ser utilizados para melhorar as condiÁ¹es de recepÁ„o dos sinais de OM.

As inscriÁ¹es poder„o ser feitas diretamente no site do DXCB clicando no menu "Atividades" e em "InscriÁ„o em eventos" ou atravÈs do link http://www.ondascurtas.com/atividades/inscricao-em-eventos
No prÛprio formul·rio de inscriÁ„o h· um link para acessar o Regulamento do concurso, leia atentamente e depois clique no box de confirmaÁ„o para poder confirmar a sua inscriÁ„o.

Participe da historia da escuta das OM no Brasil e boa sorte! 73¥s
(Ulysses Galletti, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Even tho this MW DX contest is for dentro-Brazilians only, Ulysses asked me to publicize it (gh)

** BULGARIA. Summer A-13 of Brother Stair from Kostinbrod
1800-1900 on 11685 SOF 070 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English
1900-2100 on 7400 SOF 100 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English
All other transmissions from Kostinbrod are cancelled!!
(DX RE MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 16, 2013

via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD) I assume he means *all*, not just all other Brother Scare transmissions; temporarily? (gh, DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 11560, Democratic V. of Burma, Apr 12, 1433-1444, 35433, Burmese, Talk, ID at 1437,

11595, Democratic V. of Burma, Apr 12 *2330-2340, 25332, Burmese, 2330 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 11560 via TAJIKISTAN; 11595 via ARMENIA (Aoki via DXLD)

** CANADA. Interesting film project.
http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/spectres-of-shortwave
(Myke D Weiskopf > www.myke.me DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Indeed, about Sackville! By Amanda Dawn Christie, from Moncton. This is fund-raising site, with 5-minute video sample (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Promo looks a bit 'arty' and not sure about the significance of CHU time pips to the RCI tx site, but the project cause is good. More funds required to finish the project (Ian Baxter, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** CANADA [non]. Correct frequency for Bible Voice Broadcasting to China is 1100-1200 on 21480 TRM 125 kW / 045 deg to EaAs, not 7470 TAC as follows:
1100-1115 Cantonese Tue-Thu
1100-1130 English Sun
1100-1200 English Sat
1115-1130 Chinese Mon
1115-1145 English Fri
1130-1200 Japanese Sun (DX RE MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 16, 2013 via DXLD)

** CANADA [non]. Radio City Relays this weekend:
Friday:
1800 to 1900 UT on 7290 via IRRS, and on MW 1368 from Padova, Italy
Saturday:
0800 to 0900 UT on 9510 via IRRS
1900 to 2000 UT on 1485 via R Merkurs in Latvia with a weekly separate programme.
Every 4th Saturday:
1200 to 1300 UT via Hamburger Lokalradio on 7265 kHz
The email address remains citymorecars @ yahoo.ca Thank you! Good Listening! 73s (Tom Taylor, Apr 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 1610, CHHA, ONT, Toronto, fair and above the jumble briefly at 0503 EDT 3/11, with O Canada, followed by a female announcer "Radio Voces Latina" ID, lost again in jumble. This station is getting more common. (PM-OR) SW EWE, 1500' Eastern Beverage, 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via DXLD)

I wonder if the Montreal station has moved off 1610 permanently for 1410 after the usual three month grace period. Perhaps Montreal mixing in with Toronto (and whatever else is on 1610) has created a bit of a jumble for you out west? Someone in or close to Montreal will know for sure (re Montreal) - I am in Toronto so cannot get behind CHHA which has its xmtr one mile away from my home. Regardless, nice to see you hearing it from Oregon! (Saul Chernos, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Hi Saul, This morning, the loop announcement about an imminent change of frequency was still heard on 1410, so 1610 is still on the air. (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, April 14, IRCA via DXLD)

CJWI, known as CPAM Radio, is still broadcasting on 1610 kHz. They continue to do testing on their new frequency of 1410 kHz, but only with a short musical piece followed by a recorded announcement about the test and contact info for problems of interference, all in the French language (Sheldon Harvey, Radio H.F. - Canada`s specialist in radio communications http://www.radiohf.ca ibid.)

Thanks, Sheldon. I haven't heard 1410 yet from Burnt River ON, but the old Montreal 1410 was also not easy - for whatever reason. It will be interesting to be rid of 1610 Montreal because that leaves just CHHA Toronto to null, and I guess to some extent Caribbean Beacon in Anguilla (Saul Chernos, April 15, ibid.)

** CANADA. 6160.00, CKZU Vancouver, 1000 to 1030, "...it is hard to express the gratitude ..." and more in English 11 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Thank you for praying for the unfolding situation in the Central Africa Republic. Because of your faithful prayers and support, HCJB Global is able to send $11,000 to help restore the radio station run by our partner there. Serving together, (Wayne Pederson, President, HCJB Global mailing list April 17 via DXLD)

** CHAD. 6165, 7/4 1943, R. N. Tchadienne, problems with transmitter, off air for 2 minutes at 1945-1947, then reports (RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra; QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italy; Operatori: Dario Monferini &

Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Sabato 13 aprile 2013: 1809 - 6165 kHz, RN TCHADIENNE - N'Djamena, Vernacolo, parlato OM. Segnale buono-sufficiente (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake April 11, before and after 1200:
6110, good at 1147 atop: VOA Chinese via Thailand at 11-13 (and also on 6110 via Tinang at 13-15, per Aoki). No full bandscan at this time, but 6110 still FD at 1228.

7250, fair at 1228; unusual spot for FD and nothing in the lists to explain why; presumably something objexionable to the ChiCom showed up here. In fact, altho 7250 is a busy frequency elsewhen, nothing at all is scheduled at this hour per Aoki and EiBi, while HFCC shows a registration for Bangladesh starting at 1200, but surely unapplied

Firedrake April 11 before 1300:
12370, very good at 1258
13820, good at 1256 mixing with R. MartÌ carrier about to sign on
13970, poor at 1256
14800, very good at 1256
15560, poor at 1252, het on hi side
15800, poor at 1252
15900, good at 1252
16160, poor at 1254 with flutter; none in the 17s
16250, fair at 1253 with flutter
16360, fair at 1253 with flutter

Firedrake April 11 before 1330:
7470, poor at 1323, vs RFA Tibetan via Mongolia
6030, very poor at 1324 mix with presumed SOH

Firedrake April 11 before 1400:
12370, very good at 1338
13530, very good at 1336 with flutter
13970, poor at 1336
14700, good at 1335 with het
15800, fair at 1331
16160, poor at 1331 with flutter
16250, poor at 1331 with flutter
17170, very good at 1333; none in the 18s

Firedrake April 11 after 1400:
15525, good at 1416 mixing equally with V. of Tibet [q.v.], Madagascar

Firedrake April 11 before 1500:
12230, very poor at 1441

13530, fair at 1441
14750, fair at 1441
15900, good at 1439; none in the 16s, 17s

Firedrake April 12, before 1300:
11500, poor at 1251; none in the 10s
11970, good at 1257
13795, fair at 1249 (vs RFA Tibetan via Kuwait, unheard)
13980, poor at 1249 ; none in the 12s
14700, fair at 1247 with het
14980, fair at 1247
15900, very good at 1240, but only fair at 1247
16160, poor at 1244
16250, poor at 1244
16980, very poor at 1245 with flutter
17170, very poor at 1246
17250, very poor at 12446
17450, JBA? At 1244; not sure it is here as elsewhen
Again this totals at least 12 transmitters at once.

After 1400:
15570, poor at 1402 with het on lo side, which unusually even has some audio of its own, 15567? Then pitch shifts, like QSY to 15568? Not sure (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sabato 13 aprile 2013: 0631 - 13790 kHz, FIREDRAKE (+ RFA JBA), Segnale sufficiente, CNR1 Jammer not heard (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

Firedrake, April 13 before 1300:
11500, fair at 1243 with flutter
11970, poor at 1242
12670, poor at 1243 with flutter
13795, fair at 1241
13830, fair at 1240 with CCI: RFA Tibetan via Tajikistan at 11-14
13920, very good at 1239
14750, very good at 1239
14980, very good at 1239
15560, poor at 1235; none in the 16s, 17s

Firedrake, April 13 before 1400:
15570, fair at 1350; no full search

Firedrake, April 13 after 1400:
15525, good at 1406, mixing with VOT via Madagascar; no full search
15570, fair at 1406, still on past hourtop against V. of Tibet
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve Handler's April 13, 2013 Firedrake Log. All presumed targeting SOH unless noted:

11500 JBA signalk 1252, Good signal 1422, JBA signal 1434
11970 Poor signal 1252
12370 Fair signal 1356
13795 Good signal 1253 targeting RFA Tibetan via Kuwait
13820 Good signal-excellent 1157
13830 Good signal 1157 targeting RFA Tibetan via Tajikistan
13850 Good signal 1157
13920 Good signal 1219, excellent 1254, Good signal 1357, 1423, 1434
13970 Good signal 1158, JBA SIGNAL 1423
14400 Good signal 1158
14700 Fair signal 1357, Poor signal with het at 1423, Fair signal 1435
14750 Good signal 1159, excellent 1219, Good-excellent 1254, JBA 1328
14980 Fair-Good signal 1255, Good signal 1424 and 1435
15525 Poor signal 1424 targeting VOT
15560 Good signal 1255 targeting VOT
15605 Good signal with het 1220 targeting VOT
15610 Poor signal 1358 targeting VOT
15900 Fair signal 1358
16360 Fair signal 1159
16920 Fair-Good signal 1256
17250 Poor signal 1221 and 1257
17300 Fair signal1221, Fair-Good signal 1257, Poor signal 1329-1330 with "Zap Zap" jammer also on frequency, presumed of Chinese origin
17450 Fair signal 1222 and good signal 1257

Listening to 17300 kHz which had Firedrake fair at 1221 and fair good at 1257. Checked it again at 1329 by which time it was down to poor to JBA but to my surprise it had been joined by another jammer. Not the Chinese propellor jammer but a "zap" "zap" sounding jammer. Attached is a 29 second MP3 of what I heard. Rather than call this jammer, which I presume is also Chinese based, the "Zap Zap" jammer, I was interested in whether you have heard it before and if so, does it have any kind of name. Thanks, (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Steve, Sounds like the Vietnamese jammer heard on 9920 against FEBC, altho maybe a little faster. I tend to call it siren; also called whoop-whoop. But strange it would be on a SOH/Firedrake frequency. Probably a carrier sweeping back and forth across the target frequency. It`s also similar to CODAR. Did you notice whether it had a wider bandwidth beyond 17300? (Glenn to Steve, via DXLD)

Firedrake April 14, before 1300:
13795, fair at 1257
13830, very poor at 1257 vs algo; none in the 12s
15800, very poor at 1253

15870, very poor at 1253
15900, very poor at 1253
16160, poor at 1254
17300, JBA at 1254; none in the 14s

Firedrake April 15, after 1300:
13795, poor at 1302
15560, poor at 1304, het on hi side

Firedrake April 15, before 1400:
11500, very good at 1353; none in the 10s, 9s
13795, very poor at 1350, mixing with algo; none in the 12s
13920, very good at 1349
13970, very good at 1349
14700, good at 1349
15610, JBA at 1346 under WEWN, het on lo side
15970, good at 1346
16360, JBA at 1346
16920, good at 1346; none in the 17s

Firedrake April 16 after 0500:
I had left the FRG-7 on 13m when last used in the afternoon, so turned back on at 0521, I may as well scan that band in case there is anything propagating in the spring nightmiddle. And there is!

21710, very poor at 0521, Firedrake definitely here. It`s the OSOB, and there must be an appropriate target, per HFCC, IBB Mandarin via TINIAN at 05-06 only. These are usually jammed by CNR1 modulation instead. See also separate log below.

Firedrake April 16 before 1300:
13820, fair at 1246 under MartÌ/Greenville open carrier; good at 1249 as GB is off again prior to 1300 transmission
13795, poor at 1246
14800, good at 1251
15560, poor at 1252, het on hi side
16160, good at 1255 with flutter
16250, very good at 1255
16920, very good at 1256
16980, very poor at 1256
17250, poor at 1257
17370, good at 1257; none in the 18s

Firedrake April 16 before 1400:
13795, very poor at 1357
13970, very good at 1357
14700, very good at 1357
14800, very good at 1357

14980, poor at 1357
15570, good at 1357 with noise jamming too
15610, good at 1357 mixed with WEWN
15970, very good at 1357
16920, good at 1359; ran out of time before checking the 17s
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, An interesting day today April 16 -Steve:

13820 Excellent signal 1154
13850 excellent signal 1155
13700 excellent signal 1155
15900 good signal 1156
16160 Fair signal 1156
17080 JBA signal 1157
17300 JBA signal 1158

13795 good signal 1222
13820 excellent signal 1222
14800 Excellent signal 1224
15605 good signal 1223
16160 fair-good signal 1226
16250 good signal 1225
16920 good signal 1226
17250 good signal 1226
17370 excellent signal 1227

13820 excellent signal 1248
14800 excellent signal 1249
15560 fair signal 1250
16160 fair signal 1251
16250 excellent signal 1252
16980 poor signal due to QRM 1252
17250 good signal 1255
17370 excellent signal

12670 excellent signal 1328
13970 excellent signal 1328
14700 good signal 1329
14800 excellent signal 1329
15565 fair signal 1329
15605 fair signal 1329
15970 good signal 1329
(Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 11752, 11768, 11776 and 11784, April 11 at 1339, the 8-kHz jammer spurs from 11760 are detectable here, the higher ones just barely as hets to 11775 and 11785 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

11744, 11752, 11768, 11776, April 14 at 1328 are the JBA spur carriers today from the 11760 CNR1 jammer. Others to look for according to Wolfgang B¸schel, comparing A-12 and A-13 listings:

``I checked all TX site outlets Saipan Agingan Point, Taipei and Tainan today Apr 11, as done last year in August 2012 but couldn't hear any FAULTY jamming transmitter today. 73 wolfy

Last Year	A-12	A-13	
Saipan	15410	15430	15-17 UT
Saipan	13610	13610	09-11 UT VOA Chinese
Tanshui	11760	11760	13-15 UT SOH Taiwan
Taipei	11710	11720	11-13 UT CBSC RTI Mandarin``

The only other ones I heard last year were around 11710 before 13 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After a tip of Nils Schiffhauer DK8OK and Patrick Robic in A-DX, I heard same CHINA Mainland station spurious signals of fundamental 11760 here in Germany, Moscow and Kanuma-city Japan remote units, best signals heard on Japan remote sdr_s.

Checked 1740-1755 UT Apr 14, same program noted on spurious
11728
11736
11744
11752
11760 --- fundamental
11768
11776
11784
11792 kHz channels.

But national radio content puzzles me; CNR is off at 1805 til 1955 UT at CNR1 til CNR10 services. Which program to be heard on 11760 kHz during deep night in China mainland? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11744, 11736, 11728, 11712, 11704, 11696, April 15 at 1255, detectable spur carriers at 8-kHz intervals from 11720 CNR1 jammer against RTI.

11712 has QRM from 11710 DPRK noise jamming bleeding onto the VOK broadcast open carrier prior to 1300 English to North America.

Since it`s about time for a change, I sit on 11712 and note it does cut off a few sex past 1300*. Then I wait for 11752 to cut on, which

happens about *1300:45 along with 11776, etc. Now the fundamental is 11760 under Cuba, jamming Sound of Hope, plus/minus 8-kHz intervals.

Being 40 kHz apart, a multiple of 8, it so happens that 11720 and 11760 both produce spurs on same frequencies, such as 11752, 11736. Last year when originating on 11710 instead of 11720, they did not, e.g. the 11734 side of 11735 before 1300, and then the 11736 side after 1300.

11712 & 11728, April 16 at 1241, obvious 8-kHz spurs from the 11720 CNR1 jammer, making equal-pitch hets against 11710 N Korea and something on 11730; also on 11736, etc. At 1302, now there`s a 2-kHz het against 11750 RHC from 11752 spur out of 11760 transmitter; also on 11776, etc. Wolfgang B¸schel is also hearing the 8-kHz constellation around 11760 again after 1700 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Voice of Pujiang will issue S-mail QSL --- According to the E-mail from Mr. Victor Qian of "Voice of Pujiang" (Shanghai, China), he is also a DXer/BCL. He found many reception reports left un-replied in his colleague's desk, and decided to reply them by himself. Reception reports in English and Japanese (and probably in Chinese, of course) are accepted, and will be replied by QSL letter in each language. An IRC is required for S-mail QSL. BTW the station had once issued the large-sized QSL card printed in Chinese in the end of the 20th century (Takahito Akabayashi, Tokyo, Japan, April 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 6010, April 12 at 1227, something in English, which means CRI is far more likely than BBC, VOA or anything else natively in English. Yes: it`s // 9760 CRI. At this hour it`s mixing with Spanish, i.e. Radio Mil which I was trying to hear. At least XEOI is in the clear before 1200, and after whenever Colombia may fade out (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 6105, Apr 5, 2159, CNR1 starts up at 2200 with a longer sign on procedure and a call as ìZhongguo guoji guangbo diantaiî. This station is used for jamming RTI, Taiwan on the same frequency. RTI uses the WRTH call îCheli shih Chungyang Kuangpo Tientai Taiwan chih Yinî. Taiwan is the weaker of the two. Jari Savolainen listened to my recording and says I am correct assuming it is CNR1 starting up after the Taiwan ID. Thanks a lot Jari for your help (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 17855, April 16 at 0527, after getting Firedrake on 21710, expect 16m to be open, and here`s Chinese, interview, sounds like RFA SAIPAN rather than CNR1.

15615, April 16 at 0529, however, another RFA frequency via TINIAN, suffers jamming by tones and multiple Chinese audio CNR1 echo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EAST TURKISTAN

** CHINA [and non]. 7325, April 13, 2013 at 1050+ --- Ever since Ron Howardís report in DXLD regarding Wantok Radio Light, I have been on the prowl for a new log for me. Unfortunately, at this QTH, the frequency is covered by CRI. China R. International, 44444, Japanese programming, two women in discussion. 1050 Chinese female pop singers. Continued with Japanese programming 1100-1200, and then 1200 until 1257:15 carrier off. 12:58:58 back on. In that brief time segment, I was able to see and measure a strong carrier on 7325.96, which I presume was Wantok Radio Light, Papua New Guinea. Way past sunrise in EC Iowa (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PNG

SARFT Jinhua Youbu 831 units off the air for maintenance from Apr. 15 to May 25:

0000-0100	11780	Chinese
0000-0100	15100	Hakka
0100-0400	15160	Chinese
0300-0400	17710	Russian
0400-0500	15160	Cantonese
0500-0600	15170	Cantonese
0600-0700	15170	Chinese
0700-0800	11640	Cantonese
0800-0900	11640	Chinese
0900-1100	13790	English
1000-1300	7325	Japanese ****
1130-1200	7390	Filipino
1300-1400	7215	Japanese
1400-1500	7430	Japanese
1400-1500	11900	Sinhala
1500-1600	7220	Japanese
1500-1600	9800	English
1600-1800	11900	English
1800-1900	7435	Italian
1830-1900	9695	Bulgarian
1900-2000	12095	Portuguese
2030-2100	7390	Hungarian
2200-2300	7430	Chinese
2200-2400	13640	Japanese
2300-2400	15100	Cantonese

de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, April 17, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: SARFT Jinhua Youbu off the air - Wantok Radio Light heard

Hi Sei-ichi, Thank you and Hiroshi for this great news! Now we know why we have been hearing PNG - Wantok Radio Light on 7324.96 kHz. in the clear starting on April 15. If only the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) would do more work on that transmitter, so we could get the maximum enjoyment from WRL. So NOW is the time to really listen to WRL, while they are without the strong presence of CRI (Ron Howard, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That would explain this from my logs (corrected)

130412, 1045, 7325, CRI, 44444, Japanese programming, 2W in discussion. 1050 Chinese female pop singers. Continued with Japanese programming 1100-1200, and then 1200 until 1257:15 carrier off. 1258:58 back on. In that brief time segment, I was able to see and measure a strong carrier on 7324.96, which I presume was Wantok Radio Light, Papua New Guinea. Way past sunrise in EC Iowa. It was free and clear here well past sunrise again, until the CRI transmitter keyed up right before 1300. There must be two transmitters involved here, because why would they turn one off and right back on?

By the way, ìsecondsî in my logs will always be somewhat suspect because of the delay in the audio processing in my listening position. (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Unfortunately, at 1430 I'm hearing loud CRI in Filipino on 7325 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, April 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Walt, You just missed the WRL open window from about 1400 to 1430. Recently has been well heard, per April 11 recording with ID and organ music
https://www.box.com/s/44gvwi80xq7w0o1pqgje
(Ron Howard, coastal California, ibid.)

After 1430 presumably is a different CRI site on 7325 than the one which is down for maintenance earlier (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

very well observed
> There must be two transmitters involved here
know where! maybe, like from HFCC / AOKI entries:
7325 CHINA RADIO INTER. 1000-1300 1234567 Japanese 500 59degr
Jinhua-Youbu 831 CHN CRI a13

Broadcasts move from Jinhua-Youbu 831 China site at 59 degrees to Xian at 73 degrees.
7325 CHINA RADIO INTER. 1300-1357 1234567 Japanese 500 73degr
Xian CHN CRI a13

vy73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LSITENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Voice of the South China Sea on FM 101.0 MHz --- CRI began new Target Broadcast Programe "Nanhai zhi sheng-Voice of the South China Sea" on Apr. 9 at 2200-1700 UT on FM 101.0 MHz. In Chinese: http://gb.cri.cn/27824/2013/04/09/6611s4078482.htm

CRI seems to be planning MW and SW, but does not yet start. As for the language to be used in this broadcast, Chinese, English, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Malay and Indonesian are planned, but only Chinese and English are served now. English at 0405 UT.
http://vscs.cri.cn/
(S. Hasegawa, Japan, April 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CRI launches the Voice of the South China Sea on 1008 kHz --- China Radio International (CRI) has set up a new radio service for countries around the South China Sea. The Voice of the South China Sea broadcasts in six languages, including Mandarin Chinese, English, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Filipino as well as Indonesian. You can hear the English programs of the Voice of the South China Sea at 0600-0700 UTC (14:00-15:00 Beijing time) on the frequency of 1008 kHz AM. CRI announced the launch on April 9 (DXing.info, April 15, 2013 via Steve Whitt, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. 6009.87, Apr 13 0230, LV de tu Conciencia still drifting around. ID at 0231. Nice signal. Weaker signal on 6009.96, tentative R Mil and on 6010.096, tentative InconfidÍncia (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

** CONGO DR. 5066.2, Unid, Radio TÈlÈ Candip, Bunia, -?- 0410 to 0420 strong carrier but No audio 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA [and non]. 5952.46, 8/4 2338, Radio Pio Doce, Bolivia, talks, music, weak.

5953.9, 9/4 2352, Radio Rep˙blica, Cariari, Costa Rica, talks, Spanish, fair signal low modulation (RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra; QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italy; Operatori: Dario Monferini & Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

Haven`t seen any definite logs of this for a long time. There is never any signal when I start monitoring around Chaski about an hour later, so off around 0000? Did you hear any jamming? Don`t confuse it with Pio XII nearby! (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 5995, April 11 at 0517, Castilian on poor signal, i.e. REE has failed to switch from 5965 at 0400. Nothing on 5965 now. This will be bad news for Mali after 0600 if REE stays on 5995 until 0800.

5965, April 12 at 0522, REE relay in Castilian is back on proper frequency instead of 5995 last night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. Mundo Sorprendente, enlace del segundo programa

Estimado don Glenn, Le ruego me disculpe por mis correos, pero de corazÛn, que querÌa compartir el enlace del audio del programa con usted, por si quisiera escucharlo. Estamos promocionando una QSL especial del programa, por si quisiera hacerlo del conocimiento de amigos diexistas. El enlace es
https://www.box.com/s/z76bwp3u1xne3fil2uq2
Con las muestras de mi m·s alta consideraciÛn y estima,
(Berny Solano, Costa Rica, April 14, DX ILSTENING DIGEST)

This one has another interesting chat by Henrik Klemetz around the middle of the show, about how he got into DXing (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. I must confess: I don't want to hex it but, China via Cuba 12-14 UT on 9570 has been behaving itself. The transmitter must be one of the new ones as it is operating within spec. Been good now for about the last 5 months. All I hear now on 9580 while listening to RA is normal 10 kHz splatter from them. That I can live with tho, I just wish they'd find another frequency all together. a (Andy Reid, Ont., April 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I never had the QRM on 9580 from CRI/CUBA 9570 here, but the 9570 signal itself sounds as bad as ever (gh, DXLD)

6060, April 11 at 0057, surprised to hear RHC in French // 5040, the only frequency it is supposed to be on; and at 0107 recheck, 6060 is in English // 6000 & 6165, the only frequencies that is supposed to be on. 6060 is supposed to be nothing but Spanish at 0000-0500. Plugged in wrong program feed line?

15195-15280, April 11 at 0102, approx. span of buzznoise emanating from defective RHC 15230 transmitter; worst peaks are at plus/minus 10 kHz away.

15130-15330, April 11 at 1150, buzz from 15230 detectable out to this range on otherwise deadband before sunrise here, not open yet from anywhere but Cuba, making 15230 the OSOB. Worst peaks circa 15290, 15190 but constantly varying in strength and position. An hour later,

however, no buzz.

15511 approx., April 11 at 1358, getting ready for Bangladesh, weak bits of distorted RHC audio here // 15340 and 15230 (which are synchronized, so all from same site). Thus it`s a spur but not a mixing product, from which? 171 kHz above 15340, it should also appear on 15169, but nothing audible there. 281 kHz above 15230, it should also appear on 14949 --- there there is some mush at 1406 altho can`t make a positive match to RHC audio on the others. IIRC have previously logged an RHC spur around 15510.

6060, April 12 at 0054, RHC is in correct language, Spanish // 6100, unlike French 24 hours earlier.

15220 & 15240, April 12 at 0059, very weak spurs from RHC 15230, and no buzz at the moment. They are exactly 10 kHz offset, another significant accomplishment by the crack team at RadioCuba.

15200-15260, April 13 at 1233, defective RHC 15230 transmitter with buzz out plus/minus 30 kHz, worst peaks plus/minus 10.

6165, April 14 at 0114, RHC in wrong language, Spanish instead of English, and // 6100, 6060, 5040, leaving only 6000 for English.

15340, April 15 at 1308 and still at 1326: RHC`s missing frequency today.

[and non]. 9490, April 16 at 1235, pulse jamming vs VOA Korean via TINIAN, the Cuban Commies helping out their very good friend KJU, since they already have the 9490 jamming set up for R. Rep˙blica which is in axion only at 00-02 UT.

15200-15260, April 16 at 1253, approx. extent of buzz noise out of defective RHC 15230 transmitter; worst/best circa 15220 in a clear spot (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. Hi Glenn, I spoke to a colleague. 1323 is indeed still from Zygi, but only as a very temporary measure, to tell mediumwave listeners to move. It should be gone by next week, perhaps even by this weekend (Chris Greenway, April 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST 13-15 via WORLD OF RADIO 1665)

** DIEGO GARCIA. 12759-USB, April 11 at 0056, AFN is barely audible with music, and after 0100 with talk, presumed news (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 4/14 Es: 1437 [EDT = UT -4] HIJB-2, Dom Rep with T/A logo UR with NFL Basketball (Miami vs Chicago), strong

signal! Still can't post on the tv/fm skip log! (Fred Nordquist, Moncks Corner, SC, 33.21756N 79.95798W, KJ4BUG, Grid FM03AF, 1839 UT April 14, WTFDA via DXLD) T/A = TeleAntillas (gh)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 15445 // 15665, April 14 at 0457 Chinese music, 0500 VOR Russian = MPK; good with flutter. Identical 308 degree parameters from Kashgar at 04-06 per HFCC except 15445 is on a 216 antenna and 15665 is on a 288.

15665 & 15445, April 16 at 0529, poor signals in Russian, no doubt CRI as scheduled via Kashgar, both on the countless 308-degree antennas there (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 4781.6, Radio Oriental, Napo, 2320 to 2355, om dj, mellow alto vocal, good signal 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9720. R Cairo with Arabic music, and into news theme/fanfare at :15 and into YL reading News in English WAY down in the mud despite an S4+ signal. I could tell it was English; I could make out 'Radio Cairo' but I'll be damned if I could tell you what any of the news items were about! 4+5441+ because of the lack of modulation. 0210-0220 12/Apr (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MI, MARE Tipsheet April 12 via DXLD)

9720, Radio Cairo ñ Abu Zaabal, 0253, 4/13/13, in English. Economic news, mostly about foreign business people in Egypt, Cairo airport got largest number of flights this month for this year, Egyptian music. Notable for good modulation! Iíd probably be a regular listener if it were like this all the time. Good (Mark Taylor, Madison WI, Microtelecom Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grunding G5 & Satellit 800; EWE, Flextenna, 40 meters dipole, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** EGYPT [and non]. 13840 & 13860, April 12 at 0531, big filthy ratchety spur is heavily QRMing NHK French via MADAGASCAR on 13840, i.e. the R. Cairo 13850 transmitter, which is very distorted with humbuzz on fundamental and with equally awful spurblob on hi side. HFCC shows 13850 is on the air all the way from 02 to 07, 250 kW, 315 degrees from Abis to WEu and ENAm. NHK // 11730 is OK; see NEW ZEALAND (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. An unID clandestine? on 11276, Arabic music and talk at 1930 UT. Heard with websdr at Twente. An idea? (Nicolas Delaunoy, France, April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

not clandestine stn! Intermodulation in A-13 season from Abis site.

12050 kHz minus 774 kHz = 11276 kHz

Latter contain the Arabic service "Middle East Radio" of Abis 774 kHz near Cairo Egypt. 12050 kHz contain R Cairo's German sce at present. 73 wb df5sx Viz.:

Intermodulation between Abis-EGY 774 kHz mediumwave antenna and SW broadcast antenna / feeder line at 325 degrees. "Middle East Radio" program on MW 774 kHz noted on various short waves in B-12 season.

Izaat Al-Sharq Al-Awsat (Middle East Radio) on MW 774 was noted on SW

1800-1900 9655 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR Italian minus MW 774= 8881v in A-13 8881v, or alternate either 8716v 8981v kHz.
1900-2000 11560 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR German minus MW 774=10786v
2000-2115 11560 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR French minus MW 774=10786v in A-13 10786v, or alternate either 8636v 11276v kHz.
2115-2245 11890 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to WeEUR English minus MW 774=11116v
in A-13 11116v, or alternate 11276v kHz. <<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<<
2300-0030 9965 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to NoEaAM English minus MW 774= 9191v
0030-0430 9965 ABS 200 kW 325 deg to NoEaAM Arabic minus MW 774= 9191v in A-13 9191v, or alternate 10736v kHz.
(Ivo Ivanov-BUL, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews March 15, 2013)

Thanks Wolfgang, I listen Radio Cairo on 12050 in French now. But with a very bad modulation, as usual! (Nicolas, 2037 UT, ibid.)

Summer A-13 schedule of Radio Cairo:
0030-0430 on 9965 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg NEAm Arabic + MERadio on 9191v
0045-0200 on 9720 ABZ 250 kW / 330 deg NoAm Spanish
0045-0200 on 13620 ABS 250 kW / 241 deg SoAm Spanish
0045-0200 on 13855 ABS 250 kW / 286 deg CeAm Spanish
0200-0330 on 9720 ABZ 250 kW / 330 deg NoAm English
0200-0700 on 13850 ABS 250 kW / 315 deg NoAm Arabic GS
0400-0600 on 15610 ABZ 250 kW / 170 deg CEAf Swahili
0700-1100 on 17510 ABZ 100 kW / 250 deg WeAf Arabic GS
1015-1215 on 17830 ABZ 250 kW / 090 deg WeAs Arabic
1215-1330 on 17870 ABZ 250 kW / 090 deg SoAs English
1230-1400 on 15710 ABS 250 kW / 106 deg SEAs Indonesian
1300-1600 on 15535 ABS 250 kW / 241 deg WeAf Arabic
1330-1400 on 15365 ABZ 250 kW / 070 deg WeAs Dari
1330-1530 on 15245 ABZ 100 kW / 070 deg WeAs Farsi
1400-1600 on 15545 ABZ 250 kW / 070 deg WeAs Pashto
1500-1600 on 13580 ABS 250 kW / 315 deg EaEu Albanian
1500-1600 on 15160 ABS 250 kW / 061 deg CeAs Uzbek
1530-1730 on 17840 ABZ 250 kW / 170 deg CEAf Swahili
1600-1700 on 15450 ABZ 100 kW / 160 deg ECAf Afar
1600-1800 on 15345 ABS 150 kW / 196 deg CSAf English

1600-1800 on 15735 ABZ 250 kW / 090 deg SoAs Urdu
1700-1730 on 15285 ABZ 100 kW / 160 deg ECAf Somali
1700-1900 on 9280 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg N/ME Turkish
1730-1900 on 15285 ABZ 100 kW / 160 deg ECAf Amharic
1800-1900 on 9490 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu Italian + MERadio 8716v
1800-2100 on 15710 ABS 250 kW / 241 deg WeAf Hausa
1845-2000 on 17625 ABZ 250 kW / 245 deg WeAf Fulfulde
1900-2000 on 9685 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg EaEu Russian
1900-2000 on 12050 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu German + MERadio 11276v
1900-2030 on 15290 ABZ 250 kW / 250 deg WeAf English
1900-0030 on 11540 ABZ 100 kW / 160 deg CEAf Arabic Voice of Arab
2000-2115 on 12050 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu French + MERadio 11276v
2000-2200 on 15225 ABZ 250 kW / 110 deg AUS Arabic
2100-2300 on 15205 ABS 250 kW / 241 deg WeAf French
2115-2245 on 11890 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu English + MERadio 11116v
2215-2330 on 15480 ABZ 250 kW / 245 deg SoAm Portuguese
2300-0030 on 9965 ABS 200 kW / 325 deg NEAm English + MERadio 9191v
2330-0045 on 15480 ABZ 250 kW / 245 deg SoAm Arabic
2330-0045 on 13855 ABS 250 kW / 286 deg CeAm Arabic
Note: Many of these frequencies, most have severe technical problems such as extreme distortion and/or undermodulation (DX RE MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 16, 2013 via DXLD)

** ERITREA. 4700, 10/4 0335, Voice of Broad Masses, songs HOA style, good // 7175.

7175, 10/4 0335, Voice of Broad Masses, Eritrea, talks, songs HOA style, good // 4700 (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. MADAGASCAR, 11560, Dimtse R. Erena via Madagascar, Apr 07 *1700-1710 25432 Tigrigna, 1700 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, ID, Talk and Eritrean pop.

11560, Dimtse R. Erena via Madagascar, Apr 11 *1700-1715, 25432, Tigrigna, 1700 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, ID, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Aoki and HFCC now show this WRN broadcast as via KCH MOLDOVA = Grigoriopol, PRIDNESTROVYE (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 5950, V. of Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, 0341-0351

April 10; M announcer in listed Tigrinya with breaks for "live" talk, into indigenous music, then the cycle would repeat; f-g (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 60m dipole, 200' Beverages, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7234.17, 8/4 1654, Radio Ethiopia (presumed), talks, poor, strong QRM 7230 & 7235 (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 17870, R. Freedom, Apr 08 *1600-1608, 25432-23432, Somali, 1600 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Koran, ID, Talk.

17630, R. Freedom via Germany. Apr 09 *1601-1604. 25432-21431. Somali, 1601 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Koran, Jamming from 1602 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ID is Radio Xoriyo; it may look strange but I assume cognate to Swahili: Uhuru. Aoki shows 17630 is via FRANCE, on Tuesdays (such as April 9) and Saturdays (= days 3 & 7) but 17870 is via GERMANY on Mondays (such as April 8) & Saturdays (= days 2 & 7) --- huh? WRTH has the 17870 broadcast on Mondays & Fridays, which makes more sense, but via BULGARIA, while 17630 Tue & Sat is via FRANCE. I think we tried to unravel this previously; the question now is whether 17870 is still via Bulgaria or somewhere else (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 15880.00, 1404 1015. R. Spaceshuttle Int, E, Finl, rock, jingle, ID, Belinda Carlisle, disco, reports, Boney M on USB, 24332 (Silveri GÛmez, Fraga Ponent Catalan, RX : ATS 909 & DEGEN 1103, Antena : 18 metros exterior, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

15880-USB, PIRATE-EURO. Radio Spaceshuttle-Finland, 1156-1214, 04-14-13. SIO: 222. Rock tunes by Champagne and Alizee, live and canned IDs. Seemed to go off at 1214 (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham MA 02180 USA, E1, 40 Meter Dipole, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Radio Spacesshuttle International from Finland was on 15880 USB at 0939, fair to good signal, at 1600 he was broadcasting in AM on 15865 relaying a programme from 93.5 The Edge, fair signal here and very good on the Twente online receiver. The UK DXer blogspot is posting logs and news again following a gap due to a house move, lots of links to other blogs/sites on it, recordings and address list:

http://shortwavedx.blogspot.co.uk/
(Mike Barraclough, England, 1726 UT April 15, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** FINLAND. Re: Pori 963 kHz closes April 14 --- It appears that they got no longer a feed from Beijing on what was supposed to be the last day of Pori 963 kHz. Throughout the evening I heard an apparent emergency tape, with Chinese pop / pseudo-rock music and interspersed CRI IDs. This continued beyond 2100, so they did not turn off the transmitter at local midnight as they did when YLE left five years ago.

At 2157 or maybe already 2158 recheck it was only open carrier, perhaps with a hum on it, anymore. The Pori signal was not dominant enough to tell when they finally pulled the plug, presumably silencing the site for good, and maybe mediumwave broadcasting from Finland in its entirety (Kai Ludwig, April 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON [and non]. 9580, 8/4 1910, Africa 1, Gabon, songs, talks in French, fair if in USB to avoid Medi 1.

9579.12, 8/4 1754, Medi 1, Nador, Morocco, songs, good, jamming Africa 1 9580! (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 7265, 1135-1145 Sat 13.04, Hamburger LokalRadio, Gˆhren German conversation about making radioprogrammes. Back on the air again after a couple of weeks silence, 45444. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, I listened in Skovlunde on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Hamburger Lokalradio via MVBR Saturday and Wednesday:
0600 to 0800 UT on 7265 kHz
0800 to 1100 UT on 6190 kHz
1100 to 1500 UT on 7265 kHz
All reports to: redaktion @ hamburger-lokalradio.de Thank you!

European Music Radio is on this Sunday:
0700 to 0800 UT on 7265 KHz
0800 to 0900 UT on 6005 & 9480 KHz
1500 to 1600 UT on 7265 KHz
Good Listening! 73s (Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 15390, EAST GERMANY, Athmeeya Yatra Radio, Nauen, 1344 ending a program with ID and schedule, then into another program

discussed by man and woman, prayer and hymn. According to references this was a changeover of Indian languages of Tangkhul and Thadou-Kuki. Fair Apr 13 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Obituary: Dr. Anton Kuchelmeister In Memoriam.
by OH6001SWL [illustrated:]
http://edxcnews.wordpress.com/2013/04/12/obituary-dr-anton-kuchelmeister-in-memoriam/

We are very sorry to inform you that Dr. Anton Kuchelmeister -- Chairman of the AGDX in Germany for many years -- passed away at an age of 62 years. He was born 1951 in Baden-W¸rttemberg, Germany and he had 7 (seven) brothers and sisters. He became Chairman of the AGDX in 1996 in Bad Homburg / Germany.

From 1969 until 1972 he studied in Stuttgart and in the year 1969 he became Ham-radio owner with the call-sign : DK 5TL. 1998 the AGDX-magazine " weltweit hˆren " was published at the last time. Anton took strong command in negotiations with the ADDX organisation and the re-formation of this magazine into : " RADIO-KURIER, weltweit hˆren ".

Anton also liked to organize new members for the DX-hobby. The AGDX was during many-many years Observer Member of the EDXC. Anton was active within the EDXC, especially at the end of late 90's, when Risto V%h%kainu was the Secretary General at the EDXC and his assistant was Arto Mujunen.

Anton criticized EDXC matters and decisions many times, and usually for good reasons. But, Risto V%h%kainu is also very thankful for the help from Anton. Anton created the very first EDXC website and we believe, he did it on the right way, simple and informative. The co-operation in this matter went very well.

The undersigned -- Tibor Szilagyi -- met Dr. Anton Kuchelmeister personally at 2 / two / occasions. First I met him at the EDXC Conference in Lyngby--Copenhagen in Denmark in 1999. Our second meeting was during the EDXC Conference in Koenigstein--Germany, in 2003.

I also had many encouraging E-Mail correspondence with him. In every E-Mail message Anton showed extremely goal-minded and straight forward attitude regarding EDXC matters.

I still remember the Banquet Dinner at Lyngby-Copenhagen conference. Anton and I -- and also the Finnish DX-er Jarmo Salmi -- we were sitting at the same table. We made an extra effort to entertain Anton

-- I with my Central-European jokes, and Jarmo with his special Scandinavian / Finnish jokes. Anton was laughing hearty at our jokes during the whole evening...

This is my light / bright picture about Anton, which I would like to keep in my memory: Anton relaxed and laughing at our jokes in Lyngby-Copenhagen. Rest in peace, Anton.
Stockholm / Sweden, April 12, 2013
Tibor Szilagyi
Former Secretary General at the EDXC
(EDXC News 12 April 2013 via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

FYI:

Anton J. Kuchelmeister: theory of spontaneous and induced emission of high density excitons, Freiburg, 1980 (zugl. Diss; university library science Physics, Volume 6.), ISBN 3-8107-2142-5 - 101 pages Ä 13.00

In this study the radiative recombination of excitons high density is treated theoretically. First, the temporal behavior of balance equations for two different processes of radiative recombination is studied. In each case, the other for two recombination spectra of spontaneous emission and the gain can be calculated. These spectra are compared with the results of other authors, which is based add another model.

Subject: Fw: In memoriam Anton J. Kuchelmeister

see also music list of funeral service
a very clever modest man
was blind in one eye
died of kidney cancer
Dr. Anton J. Kuchelmeister DK5TL AGDX Germany

http://daten-messie.blogspot.de/2013/03/in-memoriam-anton-j-kuchelmeister.html

Edith Piaf - non, je regrette rien
Miles Davis - human nature
Waldo de los Rios - va pensiero (nabucco-verdi)
Sun Ra & his Arkestra - space is the place
Albert Ayler - music is the healing force of the universe
Georges Moustaki - haiti cherie
Simon & Garfunkel - bridge over troubled water
John Coltrane - a love supreme
vy 73 wolfy
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WORLDWIDE DX CLUB GERMANY Internet: http://www.wwdxc.de
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(via Wolfgang Buschel, DXLD)

** GERMANY. PETER LIMBOURG ES EL NUEVO DIRECTOR GENERAL DE DEUTSCHE WELLE --- by gruporadioescuchaargentino

Peter Limbourg es el nuevo director general de Deutsche Welle. El anuncio fue realizado por Valentin Schmidt, jefe de la Junta de RadiodifusiÛn, despuÈs de una reuniÛn realizada en BerlÌn dÌas pasados. La comisiÛn, formada por 17 personas, seleccionÛ al actual director de informaciones del canal alem·n ProSiebenSat.1 como sucesor del director general de DW, Erik Bettermann.

ìPeter Limbourg tiene todas las cualidades necesarias para seguir fortaleciendo a Deutsche Welle como un medio de comunicaciÛn moderno y mejorar, de ese modo, la presencia internacional de Alemaniaî, dijo Valentin Schmidt. ìNo sÛlo es un periodista de primera clase con experiencia internacional y excelentes habilidades, sino que tambiÈn tiene una enorme experiencia de gestiÛn en la industria de los mediosî, agregÛ (Source? GRA blog April 17 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. 15700, April 11 at 1239, good signal in French about fighting poverty; 1242 DW ID. Is 250 kW non-direxional from RWANDA during this hour, doing very well here. One thing for sure: if you hear DW, it can`t be from Germany.

15595, April 11 at 1329, DW IS, very poor with flutter, 1330 opening unknown language. HFCC shows it`s `Prs` via SINGAPORE, 250 kW at 315 degrees. However, Aoki shows it as Dari. I expect the Iranians and Afghans can tell the difference.

15700, April 14 at 1250, VG in French discussing Facebook, // weaker 15275. Both are DW via RWANDA, 15700 non-direxional, and 15275 at 265 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 9420, April 16 at 0544, no signal from V. of Greece, must be off. Music audible on poor 15630 however, and non // talk on 11645 which must be in the R. Filia service at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 13362-USB, April 16 at 0532, AFN with news about Boston, promo for AFN sports; poor but almost sufficient (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 15190, April 11 at 1402, fair signal with gospel huxter in English, Ozy accent. I was all set to assume this as R. Africa, Equatorial Guinea, which I had not run across in quite a while, on its irregular schedule, and which hardly ever bothers to ID, until looked up in Eibi: altho that might start at 1400, definitely from 1400 in

English, Sunday thru Friday is KTWR (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11840, 14/Apr 1142, All India Radio in Chinese. Carrier, signal [meaning tone test?] of 1 kHz. At 1143 interval signal. At 1145 YL talk, ID, then Indian music. Until 1202 without Chinese jammer. At 1145 quick talk of YL, then more Indian music. 45444 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west; Escutas (listening, my blog): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15040, April 13 at 1255, AIR music in Burmese service is fair, barely far enough away from AIR Sinhala DRM on 15050, and from CHR VOLMET on 15034-USB.

15770, April 12 at 1237, barely audible S Asian vocal and drum music with flutter, aside VOA Korean 15775. HFCC shows it`s AIR Telugu service until 1245, 250 kW, 132 degrees from Aligarh (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. DIGITIZATION OF RADIO TO ENHANCE REACH
RnM Team 11 Apr 13 19:22 IST
http://www.radioand music.com/content/editorial/news/digitization-radio-enhance-reach#story

MUMBAI: With digitization of radio set to roll out soon, consumers are still unaware of many positive changes the process carries. At a special seminar by the Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) Consortium, the key growth points and advantages were highlighted and the current status of the roll out was the focus.

The new DRM digital radio technology will provide Indian listeners across the country access to more content choice with improved sound quality, as well as access to digital features including text news, sports results and automatic disaster warning in multiple languages.

All India Radio has around 100 per cent coverage across the country on medium wave broadcasting and they use short wave for external transmissions. But due to industrialization, the transmission quality is getting deteriorated. There are a lot of noise issues and listeners are not happy with the analogue as far as the domestic coverage is concerned, while on the short wave the signal is not available frequently.

These problems of analogue transmissions can well be taken care of when radio goes in for digitization. Keeping the same in mind, the government of India in its Eleventh Plan decided that AIR and its

transmission should be digitized. Therefore, a time bound plan was worked upon by the Planning Commission in the Eleventh Plan, which stated that radio will turn digital by 2017.

The move will help the transmission quality improve and also enhance reach, as the FM band is limited only from 88 Mhz to 108 Mhz with the whole band is not available for broadcasting. Moreover, there are a number of users with community radio stations coming up, private FM stations and there is also the demand for entertainment, sports, news, education and more which cannot be catered to by the FM band.

Speaking at the DRM Consortium, Former AIR chief engineer Yogendra Pal said, ìAll these demands cannot be met in FM. In FM, at the most we can have around 500-600 channels throughout the country. So that is not sufficient. At present, AIR has 42 per cent coverage on-air, while private FM has only around 20 per cent coverage. Even after the Phase III is implemented which will take two years or so, the coverage will be around 50 per cent. So, if we want to cover the entire country on FM, we donít have the spectrum.î

And with technology advancements, the existing transmitters will have to either be converted into digital or some of them will have to be replaced with digital. The only difference will be that the listener will have to purchase a different receiver to receive the digital signals.

It will certainly be a chance to take, to witness if users get accustomed to this change as FM is very popular even as compared to medium and short wave transmission.

ìFM quality is certainly better. Secondly FM receivers have also come in mobile phones now and there is a huge expansion there. Today we have more than 600 million mobile phone receivers in the country, and people enjoy listening there and FM is available on that. The government has also allowed private stations to come on FM, they are not allowed on medium wave and short wave because there is a competition available on FM,î he added.

He further stated that with post digitization, no spectrum will be saved because itís a broadcast band which will be used only for that purpose. There will be a lot of advantages as in analogue they could only provide one program per transmitter, but in digital they can give upto four programs on the same transmitter and the quality is that of FM with a stereo service.

There are different systems on digital and AIR has adopted the system known as DRM, which is being used for external broadcast service by most of the country.

AIR currently has around 146 medium wave transmitters of different power. The highest is 1000 KW. There are three transmitters of the kind, one each in Rajkot, Kolkata and Nagpur. The Nagpur transmitter is used for national service, and FM is mainly being used for entertainment programs.

The technology is just being introduced in the country and might take a lot of time to be implemented. AIRís Rajkot transmitter has been energized into digital showcasing signs that it is just coming in.

Pal stated, ìThere are 60 crore radio sets in our country but are all analogue. DRM will enable the simulcast mode in analogue and digital. The government of India has approved around 72 transmitters of AIR to be digitized and once they are operational 70 per cent of the listenership will be able to get the digital reception on radio. So the coverage of Vividh Bharati will grow from 10-12 per cent currently to 70 per cent.î

Another plus point is that you donít have to tune your station by the number of frequency. So the user will have to have a kind of display screen to show what station they can select. To work out the same, a listener will need a separate receiver which has a display screen like mobile phones. It will display the stations which are available and we can select one similar to what we do on mobiles.

Apart from that, there is also a provision that the broadcaster will define his service is available from which all transmitters so that the receiver can select the particular transmitter to enable listening when in no coverage zones as the listener travels.

In terms of content, it is stated to bring about very important features with the most highlighted one being a disaster management system. If there is a warning message, whichever station the user is listening to, it will automatically tune in to that message.

It will also have a number of value added services to say what is coming up next, cricket score or breaking news. You can give all that in test mode. If digital receivers come in mobile phones, listeners can access it from those devices as well. Attempts are being made for the same.

ìIn India, there are two kinds of requirements. One is the existing mobile phones and secondly the new handsets which should come with these digital receivers. Attempts are also being made that cars can have such receivers as well,î he expressed (via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. A 24-hour news channel on air soon: IB Secretary

AMRITSAR: Information & Broadcasting Secretary Uday Kumar Varma today said that his Ministry is considering launching a 24-hour News Channel on AIR on the pattern of DD News. Addressing a meeting in Amritsar with Punjab based Heads of various Media Units of I&B Varma said that government is exploring various aspects and the technicalities involved in launching a 24-hour News Channel on All India Radio.
More at :
http://punjabnewsline.com/news/A-24_hour-news-channel-on-air-soon_-IB-Secretary.html
--- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, April 13, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Like ``digitalization``, as apparently this depends on DRM (gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4749.96, RRI Makassar, 1248, April 16. Tentatively Tuesday KGI program in English, but this week without Kevin; played some pop songs; poor/ Bangladesh QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525.90, V. of Indonesia, Apr 12 1302-1314, 34343, English, News, ID at 1313 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526, Voice of Indonesia, 1324 no English today (Saturday), but in Mandarin instead. Poor, Apr 13 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at http://www.odxa.on.ca dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

April 15 heard stilted Chinese on 9525.90 during brief check from 1303 to 1306; by 1309 had switched over to the correct scheduled language of English with the news; fair (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, April 16 at 1334, it`s Tuesday, so I remember to check VOI English for `Exotic Indonesia` hookup with RRI Banjarmasin: yes, YL mentioning Banj several times, with music background and music pauses. Sigh, even tho there is NO QRM now, copy is too tough, with the flutter fading louder than the undermodulation; 1339 on to conversation, 1343 music, 1350 more conversation, 1351 music. At least I don`t hear any IADs.

As usual, the RRI ``domestic`` service on 9680 has much better modulation and signal without the flutter, managing to stay somewhat atop the pileup of QRM from Taiwan, ChiCom jamming, and maybe even

KNLS as per some of its schedule versions, if they are stupid enough to adhere (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.9, Voice of Indonesia. April 16 (Tuesday) with ìExotic Indonesiaî; 1327 chatting between Jakarta and Banjarmasin; poorly presented segment about architecture of mosques in Banjarmasin and South Kalimantan, but presented with background indigenous music (not a good idea, as readability would have been better without it!). MP3 recording posted at https://www.box.com/s/kf89mph8d1jfm70exovo (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM [non]. Re: SiriusXM dropping World Radio Network (and World of Radio) --- All the WRN feeds are on "Tune In" if you have that App on your phone or car dash (Bill Mead, Harrisburg, PA, April 11, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. Following the Bushehr earthquake on Tuesday 9 April it would make sense for those nearest to the area to check if there is any disruption to the large MW facility at Bushehr and for Dayyer 738. 3 Days mourning are already underway. 73's and 88's (Dan Goldfarb, England (moderator of mwmasts Yahoo Group), April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Members, Earthquakes are unfortunately very frequent in Iran as the Eurasian and Arabian Plates collide. One has taken place on 9 April 2013 with an epicentre around Khormooj in Bushehr Province. The epicentre is a mere 52 km from the Bushehr masts. This site serves 702, 1305, and 1503. Even without remote receivers members like Mauno are in a good position to check to see if any of the 3 stations goes off air. Further South in the opposite direction is Dayyer on 738 which might also be affected. This event is serious enough for Iran to have declared 3 days of national mourning. 73's and 88's (Dan Goldfarb, April 12, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

Or even *with* remote receivers like mine as you did in the past. Checking yesterday evening' s recordings I can confirm Bushehr on 1503 and 1305 kHz, the latter with local ID. 702 kHz is too difficult with Kiashahr and Turkey blocking, the same with Dayyer 738 kHz having strong WRN in Moscow. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 12, ibid.)

** IRAN. 17700.011, IRIB Tehran service in Spanish via Kamalabad scheduled 0530-0627 UT, produces two symmetrical spurious signals on 17627-17636 and 17765-17773 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21650, April 16 at 1259, VIRI`s IS, very poor and off by 1300*, i.e. end of Chinese hour officially at 1200-1257, 500 kW, 65 degrees from

Kamalabad. I wonder if the edgy ChiCom will jam even this? Here the QRM was local, that noise which comes on 21550 upward, and during this hour also with beeps/pulses averaging 13 per minute (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINESE 1200-1257 17610kam 17670sir 21500sir 21650kam
No jamming against Iran. All channels on their upper and lower flank are very quiet here in western Europe and at Moscow SDR remote post. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, April 18, ibid.)

VOIRI heard here in English on 15470 after 0330 s/on, both 4/16 and 4/17. Better signal Monday night, weaker Tuesday night, and they seemed to have some trouble keeping the transmitter on the air as well (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Other frequency for V. of Justice at 0330 is 13650, different site. I have not checked either yet (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** ISRAEL. 6885, Galei Zahal noted only on this single frequency in 42mb at 0600 UT April 12, but not on 15850 kHz daytime signal. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sabato 13 aprile 2013: 1714 - 6885 kHz, GALEI ZAHAL - Lod (Israele), Canzone OM locale. Segnale buono. Today 15850 not heard (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

15850.006, GALEI ZAHAL Israel's army forces radio station from Yavne is back on 19 mb today, noted at 0930 UT Apr 14. Rather poor S=6 signal today, due of uncommon sunspot storm propagation condition; Nothing heard on \\ 6885 kHz. 15850v operation missed on air past week. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Quel che resta della RAI in onde medie - BOC 29

Ecco i risultati di un monitoraggio dei GR regionali della RAI fatto a BOC 29 con Dario Monferini 73 Giampiero
Vedi anche http://radio-dx.blogspot.it/

8 aprile 2013 BOC RAI regionali 0520 utc (7.20 locali)
567 RAI Pisa excellent
900 RAI Milano Siziano, Gazzettino Padano, good
936 RAI Venezia, GR Friuli Venezia Giulia, good
981 RAI TRST Trieste news locali sloveno good
999 RAI Piemonte, Volpiano, good
1062 RAI Cagliari, GR Sardegna, very good
1107 RAI Roma, GR Lazio, poor QRM AFN Germany
1116 RAI Palermo, GR Sicilia, poor, QRM Hungary

1431 RAI Foggia, GR Puglia, not heard on Apr. 8-9, but good Apr 10
1449 RAI Belluno, GR Veneto, fair/good
1575 RAI Genova, GR Liguria, good

Altre emittenti italiane ascoltate:

1368 Challenger, ID IRRS relay at 0530
1584 Studio X on & off air, irregular

RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A.Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, April 13, playdx yg via DXLD)

Ciao, Giampiero, errore di battitura per RAI Pisa ovviamente su 657 kHz. Una nota sui 1449 kHz di RAI Belluno: non so se hanno aumentato la potenza, ma ultimamente il notiziario regionale delle 7:20 arriva molto bene qui da me, anche se con fading variabile, spesso meglio dei 900 kHz di Siziano. Roby (Roberto Rizzardi, ibid.)

Certo; Errore di stumpa. Grazie. In effetti Rai Belluno arriva bene. Chiss‡, certo non ha pi˘ concorrenti. Buoni ascolti (Giampiero, ibid.)

** ITALY. 10000, 7/4 0732, Italcable, Italy, music, pips, time. Lower power. Off 8/4 evening (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: ItalCable, 10000, date/frequency tower-transmitter collage card in 29 days for an English email report to info at associazioneitalcable dot it. Very nice card with station seal, but V/s is illegible. It cost them a 2 Euro stamp to mail the card (!).

ItalCable (more respectively the "Association of Friends of ItalCable") can often be heard behind WWV at night here, often drowning out PPE. The key for them are the Italian announcements, the symphonic music on the minute and a burst of FSK.

Good DX to all, and may your mailbox be ever full of QSLs! 73 (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Microtelecom Perseus / Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop, April 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. 11970, April 12 at 0527 checking how well NHK English via FRANCE is doing, sufficient signal bearing just dead air. This should be modulated right up to 0530 or at least 0529. How long was it

dead? See also EGYPT, NZ

11970, UT Saturday April 13 at 0526, NHK English in usual music filler ending the semihour, Japanese song, good with fades in relay via FRANCE to Africa; 0529 ID and full English schedule, times and frequencies only, no sites or targets, off at 0530* unlike previous dead air during the final minutes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Gleen, gusto de saludarlo, sintonicÈ la NHK en nueva frecuencia 5910, 0400 a 0430 UT con buena seÒal. Al cierre de emisiÛn, en la misma frecuencia la colombiana Radio [Al]carav·n con buena seÒal tambiÈn. La frecuencia 6010 algo interferida para poder escuchar Radio Mil de MÈxico, principalmente despuÈs de las 0500 por Radio Habana emisiÛn en inglÈs. Saludos cordiales y siempre escucho World [of] Radio!!! (Gustavo Cascante, TI2ALF en San JosÈ, Costa Rica, April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, Korean Central Broadcasting Station, 1000 to 1020 music of a martial nature with YL comments, fair to good signal, fading. 3320 and 3250 threshold same time, 13 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 6480, April 11 at 1143, Juche jamming noise, same as on 6518, 6600, etc. On 6480 it`s against MND Radio, scheduled only until 1150, altho the jamming may run much longer per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Voice of Korea strange broadcasts --- I'm not a fan of the North Korean propaganda, but any time I tune to the Voice of Korea I can hear three audio streams: two VoK broadcasts in different languages and some kind of a jet plane noise jamming. For example now at 1415 UT on 13760 kHz I can hear the French and the Korean broadcasts (French being a bit stronger) and the jamming-like noise. Does anyone have any explanation for this oddity? (Tudor Vedeanu (Gura Humorului, Romania), April 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sometimes this secondary audio can be very strong. So strong, it interferes with the main program. This is especially noticeable when, say, the Chinese service ends news and begins broadcasting music while the English service is still reading the news. It sounds like a musical bed has been brought up to accompany the news item. Any theories on why this has started? I seem to recall that it wasn't there a couple of years ago (Martyn Williams [North Korea Tech], ibid. WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

These are intermodulations on KRE Kujang site, of various signals
which are transmitted at same time on this TX site, mixed together
either on their TXs, antenna matrix installation, feeder lines between
TX house and curtain antennas, or even effect the dipols on curtain
arrays of other language services from same locations.

also harmonics from Kujang heard often:
12116-12124 Korean noise jammer like harmonic ?
12717-12723 Korean noise jammer like harmonic ?
12956-12964 Korean noise jammer like harmonic ?
14483-14494 Korean noise jammer like harmonic ?
14518-14527 Korean noise jammer like harmonic ?
14626-14636 Korean noise jammer like harmonic ?

These A-13 examples
Now today April 1 in A-13:
0800 Chinese 7220.000 9445.000 NoEaCHN
unclean spurious audio feed mixture:
underneath 7220 and 9445 also different
VOK Russian program and noise jamming observed.

0800 Japanese 621very weak 3250.000 9650.000 11865.000 JPN
unclean spurious audio feed mixture:
underneath 9650 and 11865 also different VOK programm.

0800 Russian 13760.000 15245.000 EUR
unclean spurious audio feed mixture:
underneath 13760 also different jamming noise programm.

so, the new powerful BBEF Made in China transmitter have been
implemented
between Febr 1 and March 15, 2013, at Kujang site.
<http://www.bbef-tech.com/en/index.aspx>
73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. Undercover BBC Trip to North Korea Is
Criticized - NYTimes.com
http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/15/world/europe/undercover-bbc-trip-to-north-korea-
is-criticized.html?pagewanted=print
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 11540, 14/Apr 1236, TADJIKISTAN (Relay), R Free
Chosun in Korean. OM talk, external commentators. Week signal, but
audible. The signal is degrading. // 15720 reception a bit better.

11550, 14/Apr 1242, TADJIKISTAN (Relay), Open Radio North Korea in
Korean. YL talk. Weak signal, reception a bit better than the R Free
Chossun.

17650, 14/Apr 1319, GERMANY (Relay), Voice of Wilderness in Korean. Emphatic preaching by YL. At 1321 religious hymn. At 1324 OM talk. Here at my QTH no signal of CRI on the same frequency. No signal on 11860. 35433 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west; Escutas (listening, my blog): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This may seem like splitting hairs, and it is certainly not said by Jorge alone, but the term ``relay`` originally meant a rebroadcast of a station already broadcasting from somewhere else. But these are the only/original transmissions, so they are not really ``relayed`` -- except in the sense that just about any broadcast is a relay by the transmitter site from wherever the studio may be, nearby or on the other worldside (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. Hello everyone, it's been a while since I've heard them. KBS World Radio in English on 11810 at 2200 UT with fair signal into Montreal. Strong enough to hear well their program. 73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, April 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. Ciao a tutti gli amici del gruppo! Ecco un' altra selezione di ascolti in onde corte per il periodo A13
15160 14/4 859 KBS World Radio, Kimjae Id E 22422
73 da (N. Marabello, Treviso, Italia, RX: SONY ICF SW7600G, Ant.: VHF esterna azimuth 230 gradi, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

ID in English, but 15160 is on schedule only at 09-10 in Korean, to ME/AF/Eu (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

15575, April 13 at 1234, KBSWR open carrier is already on again way early, very good signal going to waste until 1257 IS and IDs in English, Korean, 1300 opening English, and news --- mostly about the NK threats. 1311 `Touch Base in Seoul`, interview with Cambridge-educated proprietor of Koreabang website. Tho program schedule grid at http://world.kbs.co.kr/english/about/about_schedule.htm
shows just-retitled `Listeners` Lounge` starts at :25 past the hour, it does not really start until 1331.5; Karen Hardy(?) is new co-host with another YL, ``revamped mailbag show`` but they assure us it`s just a name change, and personnel change, otherwise same features as had been on `Worldwide Friendship`. Can`t find anything on website about the *people* we hear on KBSWR.

I listened to the whole thing for once: after a bit about something that happened this week, 1335 listeners` letters, first from Nick in

Kannapolis NC about reception: 15575 with BBC Cyprus QRM [not any more!], both 0200 frequencies blocked by CRI; 3955 sometimes audible, noisy [not any more!]; then from president Mohammed something of the Pakistan Listener Club; then Nick Sharp from Msex who used the online form to say that 7275 is blocked on weekends by Spain, and 11810 is too late at 22 UT = 23 in Britain, midnite in W Europe.

1348, Tech Tips with Jeff finishing up his best-of retrospective. At 1350 I notice there is now ACI from Firedrake on 15570. 1353-1356, Kevin O`Donovan in Farmington is back with 3 minutes of `Listening Tips`, including bad news that SiriusXM is about to drop WRN, while KBS SW to NAm is not dependable; try Tune-In Radio app for Smartphones. Gave SW skeds for REE and Tirana in English. 1356 finally some generalized KBS reception quality reports from various target areas. Just before 1359 also hit by ACI from the other side, VOA 15580 Yankee-Doodle-Dandying, and the Firedrake stays on 15570 past hourtop since it`s against V. of Tibet.

15575, April 14 at 1335 and other chex during KBSWR English to N America hour, very poor to JBA, unlike sufficient signal yesterday: the risk of such odd scheduling, abandoning closer relays. K-index at 12 was 3; at 15 was 2, no spaceweather storms yet but anticipated per WWV (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KBS is also audible here in NW England on 15575 at 1330 in English followed by Korean. The signal is fair strength, and peaking to S7+ today (15th) at 1435. It's suffering from severe splatter from Firedrake activities on 15565/15570, and today from a wide (15565-15575) 'engine like noise. A remarkable signal if off the back of their 81 deg beam (says Aoki), and more so if coming long path (Noel R. Green, NW England, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. 4859.72, 7/4 0238, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Iraq, talks, poor because jammed (Giampiero Bernardini, with Dario Monferini I was some days at Bocca di Magra, small village in La Spezia Province (Liguria, Italy): BOC29 DX nights. RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11510, April 14 at 1326, Denge Kurdistan with Kurdish music concert replete with ululation; hasn`t been in well enough to enjoy for a couple weeks, and now only fair past 1356. HFCC now shows this as: ``11510 0300 1900 39,40 KCH 300 116 0 218 1234567 310313 271013 D 12500 Kur MDA BRB BRB 5875`` i.e. via PRIDNESTROVYE; EiBi agrees, and so does Aoki, except showing after 1500 it switches to Bulgaria (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 15540, April 11 at 2047 tuning in sufficient signal from R. Kuwait so I stay with it to confirm whether or not they are still breaking for a biminute of news headlines in English at 2050 --- No. Rock music keeps playing until 2058 sign-off announcement, quick NA, accurate timesignal at 2100 compared to WWV, a bit of Arabic. Then checked intentional Arabic to deep N America on 17550, and today it`s JBA but presumably staying on another two sesquihours anyway (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED: 21580 stronger S=9+10 in Germany, 21500 weaker S=6 signal in Germany heard in 1015-1030 UT April 13 slot. Heard a lot of modern pop music singer. Station puzzles me, heard some announcements in - probably - Bahasa Malay or Indonesia - Please help on monitoring. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Wolfy, It's Radio Kuwait's Filipino service, scheduled 1000-1200 UT on 21580 - heard very strong here with several IDs and many English words. News at 1100 followed at 1110 by a "Requests and greetings" show. 21500 also heard very weak (I'm not very good with these things, but maybe a leapfrog of Kuwait on 21540 in Arabic?). (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, ibid.)

Yes, Radio Kuwait in Tagalog Filipino, 1000-1200 on 21580 KBD 500 kW / 084 deg to EaAs. Good signal in Sofia and very weak signal on // strange 21500 also in Tagalog Filipino (Ivo Ivanov, April 15, ibid.)

Thanks Alan and Ivo, so solved easily, due of 500 kW Radio Kuwait powerhouse signals on Kabd transmitter site. Due of these strong signals on fundamentals 21540 Arabic and 21580 Filipino -- the additional observed 21500 kHz signal, as logged with S=6 here in Germany this morning

IS REALLY AN INTERMODULATION PRODUCT of Kabd site installations. I'll check also 21620 kHz on symmetrical upper side in coming days. Hopefully - in reality 21620 would also show a weaker Arabic service signal of fundamental 21540 kHz. vy73 wb (B¸schel, ibid.)

** LIBYA. Radio Libia --- Alguien la ha escuchado ultimamente en 11600 kHz? Hace varios dÌas que no capto; no creo que hayan cambiado de frecuencia. Alguien sabe algo? (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, 1808 UT April 11, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

11600, 14/Apr 1922, I and others are feeling the lack of Radio Libya. (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west; Escutas (listening, my blog): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

En 11600 kHz como emisora local, jeje. 55555 +20dB 1927 UT (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, April 18, condiglist yg via DXLD)

** LUXEMBOURG. 234 kHz, 0345 om in French, brief music bridge, back to om then pop rock music 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MACEDONIA. 2430 kHz, 10/4 0324, Makedonsko Radio 1, Macedonia, Harmonic 810 x 3, songs, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, with Dario Monferini I was some days at Bocca di Magra, small village in La Spezia Province (Liguria, Italy): BOC29 DX nights. RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 7295, April 14 at 1133, RTM Traxx FM, Kajang, 33233. In English, M/F announcers. American pop music. 1136 by the band Fun. "Traxx FM, Studio One," ID by woman. More American pops. At my local sunrise. 1149 Adele, "Rolling in the Deep." (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MARTINIQUE. 8137-USB, Sailing Vessel 1137 with weather report request. 5 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Glen[n], are we sure XEWA-540 is still on AM? One of those big stations is moving to FM -- I can't remember whether it's 540, 800, 900, 1580, or some combination (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, April 11, WTFDA AM Forum via DXLD)

I did hear a 540 with `Los 40 Principales` slogan on March 20, 2013, tho no local ID, but presumably XEWA (I had been noticing its non-dominance of 540 for some time, contrary to 150 kW non-direxionality). I had not heard about that, aside from the overall push to abandon AM for FM. Cant``s list still has it on 540, along with FM 103.9, and FWIW so does their website http://www.los40sanluis.com.mx/ with FM being primary. I see it`s a Radiorama station now, not even W altho the original callsign is apparently retained, despite the strange situation of being duplicated at the Monterrey 540 (Glenn Hauser, ibid., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 710, April 11 at 1201 UT, M&W opening `Noticias 7-10` with efemÈrides, i.e. almanac, this day in history, etc.; is this XEDP? Yes, soon weather for Ciudad CuauhtÈmoc, Chihuahua. It could have been an hour-long morning news block, but maybe not: 6 days ago on Friday it switched to the Low German preacher at 1210, but don`t know about

today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 790, April 14 at 1158 UT, Mexican NA, 1200 ``desde Baja California Sur,`` ID for XENT La Paz, 10 kW, and XHNT 25 kW, `una estaciÛn del Grupo FÛrmula``, audible thru the QRM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 800, April 15 at 1243 in KQCV OKC null making 40/min SAH = two-thirds Hz, good signal with alabanza music in Spanish. Has to be XEROK Ju·rez, tho not the format I expected, perhaps just part of their variety (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 870, April 11 at 1206 UT, XETAR with web info in Spanish, then switch to presumed Tarahumara, satisfying my yen for something exotic if not on XEDP. Only fair signal but dominant at the moment around sunrise (today in Enid: 1203), traces in its null of KFJZ or maybe WWL (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 880, April 13 at 0505 UT, choral NA is playing, started late after local midnite? Finally over at 0508, but faded down too much for ID. I was nulling KRVN almost due north, and found the XE was peaking much further S than the E/W null, and has to be in the CDT zone, so that rules out XEV Chihuahua. See current timezone map:
http://www.worldtimezone.com/time-mexico12.php
Of the other CDT XEs on 880, closest and far most likely, also IDed before, is XETC TorreÛn, Coahuila, ``Kiuu``, presumed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 990, April 17 at 0506 UT, XET`s overnite multi-decade host heard recently has now reached his show no. 18,300. Fast SAH with CBW fighting over the frequency amid America. We are somewhat closer to Monterrey than Winnipeg, but if XET were on legal night pattern southward only, CBW could dominate 990 this far into El Sur, except when aurorally attenuated.

Guess what: per NRC AM Log, CBW is not a 50 kW station at night, but cut to only 46 kW, why?? Don`t forget that FCC AM Query has full data not only on US stations, but Canadian, Mexican and thruout the Americas, with XET`s theoretical night pattern here:
http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/309029-60021.pdf
showing a southward circle, but a bit of a bump to the NNW, null apparently aimed at CBW to the NNE (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1000, April 12 at 0602 UT, orchestral NA from a station where it`s local midnite; 0603 ID for Ju·rez and 12:03 timecheck, on to music. I.e. XEFV, La Rancherita. KTOK OKC [q.v.] had suspended modulation at hourtop, facilitating recapture of the Chihuahuan (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA 6010; UNID 1570

** MEXICO. 1650, 05/04/2013, 0429-, XEARZ, Zer Radio, Ciudad de MÈxico - px mx locale, nx e ID "Zer Radio 1650 AM" 33333 (Saverio De Cian, Sedico (Belluno), Italia, - RX: JRC535 e SDR Perseus, ANT: Single Delta Flag + FLG100LN, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. 6009.87, Apr 13 0230, LV de tu Conciencia still drifting around. ID at 0231. Nice signal. Weaker signal on 6009.96, tentative R Mil and on 6010.096, tentative InconfidÍncia (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. [Re 13-14:] APOYO AL FOMENTO DE LA OC EN M…XICO

Estimado Sr. Hauser. No me gusta hablar de polÌtica pero dudo que la propuesta para OC en MÈxico prospere en el senado y menos trat·ndose de AngÈlica Araujo. Que la verdad es muy criticada por amplios sectores de Yucat·n. Para muestras un botÛn, ver:
http://sipse.com/milenio/angelica-araujo-endeudo-y-ahora-quiere-perdon-1892.html
http://yucatan.com.mx/merida/angelica-araujo-se-maquillaba-con-dinero-publico
http://a7.com.mx/reportajes/7909-violencia-institucional-ordenada-por-angelica-araujo-e-ivonne-ortega-en-contra-de-la-ciudadania.html
Atte.: (Ing.Civ. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I., April 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Says don`t expect much of the #1 person on the write-in list, who is not very popular in Yucat·n (gh, DXLD)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.50, Cross R., Apr 12 0850-0901, 35443-34443, English, Music and talk, ID at 0859 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO. MONACO HEBDO : RMC, 70 ans d'histoire 05 Avril 2013
Articolo dedicato ai 70 anni di RMC-info pubblicato on line dal settimanale Monaco Hebdo, segnalato da Christian Ghibaudo.

RMC, 70 ans d'histoire --- Adrien - 5 avril 2013

LancÈe durant la seconde guerre mondiale, la station a jusqu'alors connu une existence en dents de scie, entre succËs et dÈclin. . .
http://www.monacohebdo.mc/11330-rmc-70-ans-dhistoire
(via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Barely mentions in passing that RMC was once on ondes courtes. Well, there is still the coastal utility station with some pseudo-broadcasts (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

8728, 3AC8, Monaco Radio, Monaco, 1604 14 Apr, ID+ list frequency, USB, 444. 73 Mauro :-P (Mauro - Giroletti, -Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

4363, 9/4 1603-1606*, Monaco Radio, Mont Agel, USB end English BC, ID, web, hymn (Giampiero Bernardini, with Dario Monferini I was some days at Bocca di Magra, small village in La Spezia Province (Liguria, Italy): BOC29 DX nights. RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 171 kHz, Medi 1, 0430 to 0438 Arabic music, a good signal 13 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO [and non]. 9579.12, 8/4 1754, Medi 1, Nador, Morocco, songs, good, jamming Africa 1 9580!

9580, 8/4 1910, Africa 1, Gabon, songs, talks in French, fair if in USB to avoid Medi 1 (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5985, 8/4 2343, Myanma Radio, Naypydaw, Myanmar, slow songs, weak.
5985.79, 9/4 2338, Padauk Myay Radio, Yegu, Myanmar, talks, songs, good! (RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra; QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italy; Operatori: Dario Monferini & Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Obviously the two different transmitters from one day to the next at same hour, but two different ``stations``? (gh, DXLD)

** MYANMAR. Thazin Radio noted with Myanmar dialects on 6165 since 1330z today with interruptions and signal variations (Sudipta Ghose, VU3TKG, April 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST) New frequency (gh)

Seems a one day operation. Not heard since (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 0603 UT April 17, ibid.)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Nauen didn't turn on the signal again. The April 14, 2013 broadcast began 14 minutes, 17 seconds late (7375 kHz should

have began at 0000 UT). Listeners missed almost the first 15 minutes of the program.

This is unacceptable.

I thought Germans were known for their attention to details. Who is running things at Nauen? Does anyone recall V. of Croatia having late starts when they used Nauen, Germany? 73, (Kraig KG4LAC Krist, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I listened to Voice of Croatia frequently and never heard them start other than exactly on time (Greg N0QDS, ibid.)

Greg, Thanks. I also don't recall late starts with V. of Croatia. I wonder what's going on in Nauen? 73, (Kraig, ibid.)

The Mighty KBC just started 14 minutes late at 0014 UT in English via the Nauen Relay in Germany. Great Signal at 72 db's! First song in progress. Eric Van Willigan [sic] IDs the host on The Giant Jukebox for this session. Great modulation and now going into announcement and ID by Eric Van Willigan into another song inviting listeners to stay tuned for "Something Totally Different". Must mean my 17 minute music request! Yes, Eric will be playing "In A Gadda Da Vida" album Version running 17 minutes! It has a nice drumsolo in it. A Real Classic! Enjoy a great night of music! 73's, (Noble West, NSW Media, TN, Tecsun PL380 DSP with Built In Whip Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7375, 14/Apr 0035, GERMANY (Relay), Mighty KBC Radio in English. Rock, several ID by OM. Still with QRM on 7373. 43433. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I tuned in around 0045 UT. Here in southeast Houston, TX, they had a very good signal on 7375 kHz. Did not have the time to actually sit down and make a log or email the station, so no details to report other than their strong signals. The solar storm did not seem to affect the reception. 73 & Good DX, (Steve Ponder, N5WBI, Eton E100, Sent from my iPhone, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Summary of the April 14, 2013 broadcast: The Mighty KBC broadcast of April 14, 2013 on 7375 kHz via Nauen, Germany began almost 15 minutes late. Scheduled for 0000 UTC. SIO 454. "The Giant Jukebox" with songs, "Today in History", Eric has trouble pressing the right button, "Pink Ronnie" is in the studio, new sauce for French fries, Dutch news, Dutch talking tulip "Hello to Listeners" and digital text modes.

Results of digital text.

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2013-4-14 0131 UTC Olivia 8-1000 centered on 1000 Hz

Hello Eric and shortwave listeners,
MFSK and Olivia are two very robust digital text modes.
We are now comparing Olivia 8-1000 and MFSK 16, each less than 60 WPM.
At just before 0200 UTC, an Flmsg in Olivia 8-2000 will be centered on
1500 Hz.

Thanks to

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2013-4-14 0131 UTC MSFK16 centered on 2000 Hz

Hello Eric and shortwave listeners,
MFSK and Olivia are two very robust digital text modes.
We are now comparing Olivia 8-1000 and MFSK 16, each less than 60 WPM.
At just before 0200 UTC, an Flmsg in Olivia 8-2000 will be centered on
1500 Hz.
Thanks to The Mighty KBC.

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2013-4-14 0158 UTC Olivia 8-2000 centered on 2000 Hz

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:hdr_ed:21
KD9XB 20131004104754
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<h2>...this weekend featuring Olivia modes, comparing them to MFSK
modes.</h2>
<h2>Saturday 1600-1630 UTC on 17860 kHz</h2>
<h2>Sunday 0230-0300 UTC on 5745 kHz (30 minutes from now!)</h2>
<h2>Sunday 1300-1330 UTC on 6095 kHz</h2>
<h2>Sunday 1930-2000 UTC on 15670 kHz</h2>
<h2>All via IBB Greenville, North Carolina</h2>
<h2>More information at <a
href="http://voaradiogram.net">voaradiogram.net</h2>
<h1 style="color:green;font-style:italic">With thanks to The Mighty
KBC</h1>

[WRAP:chksum 7EA3][WRAP:end]
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see html page here
http://misc.kg4lac.com\2013-4-14-MightyKBC-7375kHz-0158UTC-Olivia8-2000-centered-on-1500Hz.htm

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73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, Virginia, United States of America, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. 6160.72, 7/4 0412, CKZN, St John's, Canada, Interview, fair (in USB to avoid Russia 6160) (RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra; QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italy; Operatori: Dario Monferini & Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. 15720, April 12 at 0533, surprised to encounter RNZI here with golf news, good signal like Australia tonight also on 19m, but after 0459, RNZI is supposed to be on 11725, where there is nothing --- until 0535 when 15720 has vanished and 11725 has cut on very late. Until then NHK French via FRANCE on 11730 had no ACI, unlike the terrible Egyptian mess on 13840, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NICARAGUA. 8989-USB, "El Pescador Preacher", 2040-2045 preacher with poor signal, 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, and XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120, 7/4 *1930, Voice of Nigeria, DRM, start broadcast in English, news, good

15120, 9/4 1502, Voice of Nigeria, Ikorodu, news in English, good (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DRM had been starting at 1830 (gh, DXLD)

15120-AM, April 12 at 0534, VON is there, but too poor to copy. Often inaudible; should improve on average as spring progresses for the 0445v- English broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 640, April 15 at 1250 UT, almost an hour after sunrise, no groundwave signal from KWPN Moore, off the air! Just a weak SAH remains, maybe involving KFI and Ju·rez remnants. Left a receiver on here, and finally cut on at *1307, JIP sportstalk as ESPN affiliate (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 780, April 14 at 0524 UT, KSPI Stillwater open carrier all-night from 250-watt ``daytimer`` has been thus for weeks, any nite checked, causing fast SAH against WBBM with which it is more or less mutually nullable from here; and with WBBM out, KSPI groundwave mixes with opposite KCEG Pueblo CO country music skywave (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1000, April 12 at 0602 UT, here`s yet another Okie broadcasting dead air late at night during what should have been news on the hour: KTOK, OKC. During which I hear Ju·rez without having to null out KTOK, see MEXICO. At 0606 KTOK resumes modulation with musical opening of C2CAM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also USA: 960

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, April 11 at 1211 UT with KMOX nulled, very weak music, and growing a little. Maybe KEOR Catoosa has signed on by now, tho legal from 1145 in April.

1120, April 15 at 1727-1730+ UT, KEOR is off again, checking on caradio. April 16 at 1612, is back on with usual alabanza m˙sica, checking on DX-398 in the yard (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Off again circa 1900 UT April 18

** OKLAHOMA. 1520, April 12 at 0616 UT, KOKC `Red-Eye Radio` anti-government rant (what else?) is rudely interrupted with annoying buzz/tones like EAS tests, but this is an Amber Alert, a governmental intrusion about a baby missing in Delaware County, OK, deep in the null of KOKC. Sure hope this helps retrieve it, but seriously doubt. Also there is an intriguing musical understation, but can`t null KOKC enough to pull anything thru (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1650, April 11 at 0110 UT check, a bit of Dennis Miller vs Spanish from El Paso or Denver. Trying to reconfirm whether KYHN Sallisaw/Ft Smith AR has finally started regular schedule. Did not recognize this as program preview, but lost to QRM before could be sure.

1650, April 12 at 0059 UT, ad or PSA about Arkansas, ``Arklahoma`` ID, 0100 bong and CBS News, so KYHN Sallisaw has finally started real programming after almost a bimonth of ``program preview`` barker loop stunting since returning to the air. By end of news at 0105, Spanish religion from 10 kW Denver (in daytime until 0145), is taking over

what was already a weak presumably nighttime 1 kW signal from KYHN; also circa 0052 it had sounded like Dennis Miller. KYHN official FCC SR/SS times in April: 1145/0045 UT; May: 1115/0115 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15560, R. Sultanate of Oman, Apr 12 1405-1433, 33332-35332, English, Music, Gongs and ID at 1430, News (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. 15725, 7/4 0650-0701*, Pakistan BC, songs, end of BC with Hymn, fair signal but bad modulation (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15490, R. Pakistan, Apr 08 0039-0050, 25332, Urdu, Pakistan music, ID at 0044, IS from 0044, 0045 Opening announce, Koran.

15725, R. Pakistan, Apr 12 0837-0845, 25322, Urdu, Pakistan music and koran, // 17720 kHz.

17710, R. Pakistan, Apr 12 0203-0210*, 35433, Urdu, News, ID at 0206 and 0207, 0210 sign off, // 15490 kHz.

17720, R. Pakistan, Apr 11 1246-1300, 25422, Chinese, Pakistan music, ID at 1259, // 15730 kHz (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3259.996, April 15 at 1130, R Madang, Madang, 33232, M announcer. Local ads for home repair in Madang. Fading right after my local sunrise. 1131 into instrumental music -- flutes and orchestra. 1145 into same song as 3385v, juvenile sounding vocal. 1150 Brief interlude, "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime," Dean Martin (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As you have already learned, the only way to really monitor PNG is to check their activity every day. As far as the NBC stations go, the only consistent thing about them is their unpredictability in broadcasting (Ron Howard, coastal California, ibid.)

Ron: Just in case my exuberance on logging a new Papuan didnít shine through, thanks again for the tip. While the tropical bands were ìhoppingî this morning, I was ecstatic. I am sad however to not be seeing even a faint trace of Radio New Ireland on 3905. Do you have an

email address for them? Iíd love to find out whatís going on there. Good DX, (Mike in rural EC Iowa, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, ibid.)

Hi Mike, Yes, 3905 (NBC New Ireland) has not been heard for a while now. Some of the NBC stations are certainly erratic at best. They are not known to have any active email addresses. per http://www.nbc.com.pg/provincial/nbconline_newireland.htm :

Phone Number: 984 2077
Fax: 984 2191
Address: PO BOX 477, KAVIENG, PNG
(Ron Howard, ibid.)

Hi Ron, Mike: Yes, 'erratic' is certainly the operative word here. I had fine reception of 3905 NBC New Ireland on 26 March 1133-1215 and 27 March 1045-1129 tune/out. Really excellent on the second day, before KF4QB brought the ham net into action on the frequency at 1105. Not noted since, tho haven't been rigorously looking. Rgds, (Ralph Perry, IL, April 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, ibid.)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3384.996, April 15 at 1120, R East New Britain, Rabaul, 33232. W in news in Pidgin. 1133 M announcer announcing the number one hit. I did not recognize the song. Interesting that lightning noise began propagating after my sunrise, where there was none before. Clear skies here. 1139 announced another song, female vocal w/deep drum beats. Fading. At times same songs as NBC 3260v, but not announcers. 1155 Reggae song, but NOT on other outlet (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [and non]. Hoping this morning would be a good morning for Oceania, based on predicted solar energy reaching Earth.

3385v, April 13, 2013 at 1110, Radio East New Britain, and 5020v SIBC peaking right before my sunrise ó 1110 UT. As often happens at my local sunrise, one or more of the Papuans/Aussies peak. This morning Radio East New Britain and SIBC are the ones. 1130, a never heard before promo by a deep voiced man saying ìYou are listening to Radio NBC.î 1150, it is peaking very strongly, with an instrumental version of ìWind Beneath My Wings.î Two women, in banter as song faded, laughing and discussing the song, one appeared to be on a phone call in. The song then continued. I usually have to DX the Papuans with an SSB filter, but at this short-lived peak was able to throw in a full AM, both sideband filter. More talking and the song continued. Is this some sort of new promo or interlude while taking calls from listeners? 1157 fading fast.

Carriers, and faint modulation on 3260v, 3325v, and 3365v. Still no sign of even a faint carrier on 3905. Is anybody hearing R New Ireland

here? I really hope the transmitter isnít down, and if it is, they get it fixed (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.96, Wantok Radio Light, 1401-1424, April 11. Extraordinarily outstanding reception! Religious songs in English with the exception of one in vernacular; selection of organ music; ID: ìWantok Radio Light, where we care about our listenersî; CRI open carrier on at 1424. Very nice reception from a 1,000 watt transmitter! MP3 audio of ID and organ music at https://www.box.com/s/44gvwi80xq7w0o1pqgje (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7324.965, Heard S=8-9 signal in Brisbane Australia remote unit, at 1404 UT Apr 12 (Wolfgang B˚schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Apr 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7325, April 13, 2013 at 1050+ Ever since Ron Howardís report in DXLD regarding Wantok Radio Light, I have been on the prowl for a new log for me. Unfortunately, at this QTH, the frequency is covered by CRI. China R. International, 44444, Japanese programming, two women in discussion. 1050 Chinese female pop singers. Continued with Japanese programming 1100-1200, and then 1200 until 1257:15 carrier off. 12:58:58 back on. In that brief time segment, I was able to see and measure a strong carrier on 7325.96, which I presume was Wantok Radio Light, Papua New Guinea. Way past sunrise in EC Iowa (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7324.967, April 15 at 1050, Wantok Radio Light (A new one for me, and thanks to Ron Howard for the heads up.) 32332. CRI Japanese program on this frequency missing this morning. Man in Pidgin, God and leadership talk. QRM from 7320, and at times a wide utility on 7332. Good signal, and CRI missing this morning. Right before and at my local sunrise. Went past top of hour with no ID. 1103 Talk of North Korea and China. 1105 "Oh God" prayer for the situation. 1106 Piano music interlude, and gave address. 1108 single time pip. Into more music. 1115 into English scripture program, with an announcement. "Welcome to the nightlife mission. This program is written and brought to you by ... " (I can't understand the rest but have a one minute recording with this ID.) This revisited at 1157, W preacher with fire and brimstone sermon (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Mike, Wow, between the two of us we had two hours with WRL in the clear with no CRI. Congratulations on a new PNG! Glad I was not the only one to catch them today. Very rare for CRI to off (Ron Howard, coastal California, ibid.)

Hi Ron, Turns out that Dave Valko (PA), John Herkimer (NY) and I (IL)

were all on this one today, also. Dave was first to spot it; Herk and I latched on, after his alert. Very fun listening until China came back later, to spoil the party, hi (Ralph Perry, ibid.)

7324.96, Wantok Radio Light. April 15 found in the clear (no CRI) from tune in at 1156 till covered by CRI sign on at 1258. Surprised to find no other station on this frequency for the whole hour! Just a one day event? Mostly poor reception with adjacent QRM.

1156-1200: Syndicated program of preaching by "Robbie".
1202: Local announcer with clear mention of "Port Moresby".
1204-1233: Christian songs.
1233-1258: Syndicated "Back to the Bible" program (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hoping to get some information for others to catch this Papuan, I attempted this morning to make a detailed log. I feel like I have a solid competent log at this point. Moving on. J

[and non] 7324.963, R Wantok Light, 32232, Religious hymns at 1037 tune-in. Strong station on low side appears to be R Rossi in Russian. 1043 "on Wantok Light" clearly heard by female evangelist in Pidgin, sans the word Radio. 1046 the high side utility showed up, but not as trong as before. Right before my local sunrise, the signal begins to peak, but so does the Russian. No CRI again this morning. 1057 "On Wantok Radio Light in the 41 meter band." by the same female evangelist. She was also talking about some current events in Australia. 1103 another hymn. 1106 during piano interlude, man gave address and ID for "Wantok Radio Light." Short recording made with this ID.

Appears to be following a similar format this morning as yesterday. You have to listen very carefully to catch an ID with this one. 1115:42 ID again, with clear "Wantok Radio Light." (recorded) As before, the static crashes are propagating at my sunrise. 1151 syndicated religious program with Dr. Ravi Zacharias in English. More fire and brimstorm. Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. Nightlife program appears to be sponsored by local businesses. Very strong signal and recordings after my sunrise 1208 still strong. 1224:30 "24 hour a day Christian Radio, Wantok Radio Light." 1231 and still not fading much. How can this be only a 1KW station? At times, reception this morning was armchair copy. 1234 "Back to the bible" program. 1256:20 "Wantok Radio Light." 1258:52 CRI came on with IS and announcement in Japanese. WRL had still not faded away yet. (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, April 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Mike, You and I had the exact same reception today of Wantok Radio Light. Much better than yesterday! Today I could tell it was not "Robbie" preaching, but as you also heard was in fact "Ravi Zacharias" with "In Search of Meaning". Still with adjacent QRM, but again with no CRI on this frequency till 1258.
https://www.box.com/s/obewyxrjv3efe5xd5wnr
contains MP3 recording (Ron Howard, coastal California, ibid.)

Ron, Near armchair copy this morning. I am doubting this is merely a 1 KW station? I have as hard of time understanding a Papuan in English at times, as I do a Papuan in Pidgin. Iím sure theyíd have the same problem with my vernacular. J I WAS hearing Bobbie yesterday when the woman announced him. I also thought Dr. Ravi was a woman. So what do I know? (Mike Gilchrist, ibid.)

Hi Mike, Believe it is doing well due to propagation and absence of CRI. In past years I have had similar receptions during good conditions.
https://www.box.com/s/b71804694f2b65b01564
has a recording I made last June, also with decent reception. So 1KW can get the job done! The Cross Radio and Radio Fly are two others that have done well with their 1 KW transmitters. Mike, thanks for your detailed log today of WRL. Excellent reporting! (Ron Howard, ibid.)

Re CHINA: SARFT Jinhua Youbu off the air - Wantok Radio Light heard

Hi Sei-ichi, Thank you and Hiroshi for this great news! Now we know why we have been hearing PNG - Wantok Radio Light on 7324.96 kHz. in the clear starting on April 15. If only the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) would do more work on that transmitter, so we could get the maximum enjoyment from WRL. So NOW is the time to really listen to WRL, while they are without the strong presence of CRI (Ron Howard, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 3329.5, Per˙, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco, 1000 to 1040, weaker signal this week. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 April. Last Peru on 90 meters, notch to remove CHU. music and om espaÒol chat format (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, and XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3329.56v, April 13, 2013 at 0931, Ondas del Huallaga (presumed), 0931 Carrier on. Signal too weak for any coherence. Despite extensive post processing of the audio chain -- auto notch, voice DSP algorithms, and CHU suppressed carrier on lower side, still not copyable. 0942, Sunrise in Ottawa should be in about 40 minutes. 1059, CHU fading, but so is Peruvian. The back side of my SW facing antenna has a null

towards Ottawa, but also attenuates the other signal. No ID possible this morning, and only sporadic music heard (Mike Gilchrist in rural EC Iowa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4789.9, R. VisiÛn, Chiclayo, 0845-0902 April 9; M announcer in Spanish, into indigenous music & ballads through ToH; different format from the "loudspeaker" preacher I usually hear (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 60m dipole, 200' Beverages, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4789.85, Per˙, Radio VisiÛn, Chiclayo, 1030 to 1040 with music and om espaÒol, transmitter distorting signal, 11 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. INDONESIA. 4789.84, Mar 28 1050, RRI Fak-Fak. Presumed here at 1050 with long talks by OM in language. Fading fast and nearly into the noise by 1100. 03/28 (Chuck RIPPEL, VA, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

I file that above so we can compare to the off-frequency of this (gh):

PERU. 4789.88, Apr 13 0100, R VisiÛn noted with music a bit over noise level (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

** PERU. 4747.05, 10/4 0020, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, talks, poor

4774.946, 10/4 0027, Radio Tarma, nice music, some talks, weak but getting better

4824.48, 10/4 0032, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, talks, weak

4834.63, 10/4 0059, Ondas del Sur Oriente (presumed), Quillabamba, poor, talks

5024.917, 10/4 0048, Radio Quillabamba, Cusco, songs, ID 0101 after bird sound, weak (Rebelde OFF till 0105). The best tip was Radio Quillibamba on 5024.92 kHz. That's because Radio Rebelde was off air for some time. Lucky day!

(Giampiero Bernardini, with Dario Monferini I was some days at Bocca di Magra, small village in La Spezia Province (Liguria, Italy): BOC29 DX nights. RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4810, Per˙, Radio Logos, Chazuta, Tarapoto, 1000v to 1040 m˙sica de[l] Per˙, strong signal 7, 9 and 11 April (Robert Wilkner,

PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4824.4, Per˙, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, noted at 1015, sign on early en espaÒol 10 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4826.5, Per˙, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani, Cusco, 0950 to 1030 with weak signal, music and om chat en espaÒol, on 9 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4834.63, 10/4 0059, Ondas del Sur Oriente (presumed), Quillabamba, poor, talks (Giampiero Bernardini, with Dario Monferini I was some days at Bocca di Magra, small village in La Spezia Province (Liguria, Italy): BOC29 DX nights. RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4835.031, Apr 13, 0058, Ondas del Suroriente with R Felicidad ID 0056 and 0058, followed by a longer ID with frequencies, etc. Quite good strength. Also noted here on April 12 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin April 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

** PERU. 4955, Per˙, Radio Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 1030 sudden fade up with instrumental music, hauntingly beautiful vocal, 1040 11 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5024.917, 10/4 0048, Radio Quillabamba, Cusco, songs, ID 0101 after bird sound, weak (Rebelde OFF till 0105). The best tip was Radio Quillabamba on 5024.92 kHz. That's because Radio Rebelde was off air for some time. Lucky day!

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** PERU. 5039.22, Per˙, Radio Libertad de JunÌn, JunÌn, 0950 to 1010 with locutor en espaÒol 6, 7 and 13 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, and XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Hi Thomas! I write in English as the bulletin has so many

"non Scandinavian" members. I have monitored 5980 Chaski every now and then and it seems there is a few kHz wide digital-QRM - or jammer? - which is more powerful now after international broadcasters left the channel. It was off at least on April 1st and April 12th, when Chaski has been audible here.

Other Peruvians noted on SW are 4810 Logos, which seems to have better modulation and strength than Chaski 5980. On 4835 the Peruvian seems to be weaker. It seems the Arctic winter with temps always below zero even in Southern Finland

5980, Apr 12 -0103* R Chaski, QRM off today, usually blocked by a digital ute transmitter or a jammer - who knows? Other Peruvians later on 4775 (weak), 4810 (good) and 4835 (poor) (Tarmo Kontro, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

5980, April 11 at 0055, R. Chaski carrier is JBA with BFO in noise level as I am on the porch at 36 degrees, enough to melt much of the ice on the trees and lines late in the day. Cutoff timed at 0103:07 = 5 seconds later than yesterday.

5980, April 12 at 0053, R. Chaski is JBA and even some modulation making it despite noise on band now mostly from distant spring storms. Cutoff carrier at 0103:12.5* which makes it 5.5 sex later than last night, more or less. With a clear sky at sunset my streetlite doesn`t fire up until 0111.

5980, April 13 at 0059, splash from 5990 is already off, so instrumental hymn is audible from R. Chaski past 0100; 0101 muffled announcement, 0102 fanfare introducing devotional capsule. Best audio I`ve had from them for some weeks --- S of the Equator, a bit of darkness is gained on the path while we are losing it at this end, a balancing act. Cut off at 0103:18*, roughly 5.5 sex later than last night. With an almost clear sky, my streetlite does not fire on until *0111 again this evening.

5980, April 14 at 0048, R. Chaski carrier is audible at first check this evening, vs noise level maybe including some residual Cuban jamming. Also some modulation making it until cutoff at 0103:23* which is 5 seconds later than yesterday. Since sky is partly cloudy, my streetlite fires on at *0110, a minute earlier than yesterday.

[and non]. 5980, April 16 at 0053, R. Chaski carrier quite detectable despite noise level, and heavy splash from 5990 CRI CUBA --- which ran way overtime, switching to English at 0100, still on past 0102. Chaski cut off at 0103:33* i.e. 10 sex later than two nites ago as I missed checking on April 15.

5980, April 17 at 0050, R. Chaski carrier is detectable vs band noise, splash from 5990 CRI/Cuba, and possibly residual jamming. (My streetlite has already fired on at *0049 as it`s overcast.) By 0100, 5990 is off; at 0101 I can make out some music on 5980, and carrier cut at 0103:38.5* which is 5.5 sex later than last nite (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6173.95, 10/4 0131, Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, talks, nice songs, weak/fair good mod (RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra; QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italy; Operatori: Dario Monferini & Giampiero Bernardini, playdx yg via DXLD)

6173.9, Per˙, Radio Tawantinsuyo, Cusco, 1015 to 1025 same locutor en espaÒol 11 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 9675, Radio PacÌfico (Lima) at 0200 in Spanish with a woman with religious talk and a man with definite ID - Fair Apr 12 (Christoph Ratzer, Salzburg, AUSTRIA, Windradio Exalibur Pro and 200' wire, ODXA Your Reports Express via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 9915, 8/4 1825, Radio Pilipinas, in Tagalog, conversation, fair/good // 11720 15190

15190, 7/4 1925-1930, Radio Pilipinas, Philippines, song, ID, signal off, weak (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17820, R. Pilipinas, Apr 12 0209-0217, 35443, Tagalog, Talk, ID at 0211 and 0214 and 0216, // 11880 and 15285 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17820, R. Pilipinas/VOP, 0255-0305, April 17. In English with info about elections; ìPhilippine Triviaî; language lesson for ìbeautiful morningî; fair/poor. This seems to be a replacement frequency for 17700, which has not been heard for a while (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. MW transmitters in Portugal

Hello all, Inside information from a person working at r/com group

(R·dio RenascenÁa' s group, also owner of R·dio Sim), who post the original message (in Portuguese) at
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mundo_da_radio/message/843 :
the administration gave the order to switch off temporarily some MW transmitters in Portugal mainland. Therefore, the transmitters at …vora (927 kHz 1 kW), Valongo (1251 kHz 10 kW) & Viseu (1251 kHz 10 kW) have been inactive since last week. r/com is still evaluating the situation of 963 kHz Seixal, which could be the next one.

The decision of the nationwide commercial religious (Catholic) broadcaster is a consequence of the economic crisis in Portugal, which led to serious cuts in advertising revenues, forcing media (including radio stations) to cost reduction. The affected txs were chosen because they are located in regions already served by VHF-FM transmitters: 97.5 kHz Portel (near …vora), 100.8 MHz Maia (tx in Valongo - near Oporto), 106.4 Viseu & 102.2 MHz Palmela (near Set˙bal, covering also Lisbon). The remaining transmitters should work as usual. Meanwhile, Muge 594 kHz uses the space transmitter running at 1 kW in order to save on the electricity bill.

The station did not decided yet when should the transmitters be reactivated; viability studies will take in account the evolution of DRM (Digital Radio Mondiale) in Europe - to see if it is worth keeping active MW licences. I hope RR's definition for "temporary`` / "provisional" ; is not synonymous with "permanent``. Best regards & 73s, LuÌs Carvalho, Portugal
http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/skywavesmw/
(via Dario Monferini, April 11, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PUERTO RICO. 1660, 25/03/2013, 0400-, WGIT, R Voz, CanÛvanas - commenti, annunci, ID "Noticias 16-60, Puerto Rico", 44544 (Saverio De Cian, Sedico (Belluno), Italia, - RX: JRC535 e SDR Perseus, ANT: Single Delta Flag + FLG100LN, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PUNTLAND (SOMALIA). Puntland launches new radio - "Radio Puntland" in Garowe is now testing on SW. According to www.raxaanreeb.com
http://www.raxanreeb.com/2013/04/somalia-puntland-launches-new-radio/

"Puntland president Dr. Abdurrahman Faroole has officially opened a new radio which will be aired from Garawe. The establishment of this radio which can be heard on shortwaves has been going on for two years in the Puntland capital Garawe. Italian government has funded the radio project and will be the voice of Puntland administration. The radio is on the air now for testing and the enrolment of staff that will be running the radio is underway. Mr. Faroole who spoke at the opening ceremony stated that they were contemplating about founding of a Radio and TV for Puntland for a long time so as to disseminate the interest of Puntland state and following concerted efforts it has now

come into effect. He stated that the TV is on the way and coming soon. The new radio is named as Radio Puntland will be heard throughout Puntland. Itís now operated by Italian technicians.

More info (in Somali) and pictures can be found on http://www.mareeg.com/fidsan.php?Puntland-Oo-Furatay-Radio-Kadib-Markii-Ay-Afka-Qabatay-Idaacado-Madax-Banaan--&sid=28193&tirsan=2

At the moment the frequency used is unknown. PS: Jari, you are good in finding these, some scanning needed.... 73 / IPA (Ilpo Parviainen, Evitskog, Finland, April 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ilpo, thanks for the info. I did a quick google-scan about this station, seems to be well reported around. But, as usual, no mentions of frequency I've seen as yet. Hopefully the shortwave in reports means shortwave and not something else. Most of my antennas are down at the moment, but let's keep scanning SW. When Glenn puts this news online, I guess we'll have some feedback of frequency. Cheers, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, ibid.)

Tnx, Jari. Yes, quite often "shortwave" in the news turns out to be in fact FM. I haven't found their direct email address yet, but I have already sent an inquiry to their partner organizations (Puntland Library & Resource Center and Somali Family Services). Let's see how quickly the community will solve this (Ilpo, ibid.)

Thanks, Ilpo, for the heads-up. I have also sent a few queries around. Let's hope that it is really on shortwave.

[later:] I got one reply, according to which they plan to start in June using 6140 and 13800 kHz. Here some more photos: http://www.shacabkamedia.com/warka/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1632:halkani-waa-raadiyo-faroole-oo-aad-ka-dhageystaan-mawjadaha-maxamed-seeful-islaam-iyo-khadar-cunaaye-&catid=1:warka-gudaha&Itemid=3
73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That was quick, tnx Mauno. My own contact informed me that SFS (Somali Family Services) is establishing the first community radio station that will focus on public affairs broadcasting in Puntland. They are working in close cooperation with Puntland Library and Resource Centre. Originally they had plans to use the name "Radio Puntland" but when they heard about this government-driven project, the name was changed into "Radio Sahan". More info at http://www.radiosahan.org
73, (Ilpo, April 15, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for the Sahan item. Seems, that R. Puntland is testing with a temporary 100 W transmitter. I could hear Somali sounding non-stop

music extremely weak on 13800 kHz from 1400 until Iran s/on at 1430 and again after 1530 until s/off 1537. But not even a carrier on 6140 kHz after that (when it was free). 73, (Mauno Ritola, April 15, ibid.)

I've heard from a contact in Puntland itself that the frequencies are 13800 daytime and 6160 (sic) at night. That might be a typo for the 6140 reported by Mauno below, or perhaps they are testing both 6140 and 6160. My contact said the station is still in test mode, and only airing music, but will launch regular programming on 20 April (Chris Greenway, UK, April 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to
http://air-radiorama.blogspot.fi/2013/04/radio-puntland-somalia.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+blogspot/cKXeM+(AIR+-+RADIORAMA)
they transmit now with 200 Watts on 6140 kHz in the morning hours and on 13800 kHz in the afternoon but in June they'll activate 20 kW transmitter. 73, (Ilpo, April 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I wonder if Goldrock International in Nairobi is the company building the station. Enrico Li Perni (mentioned in that Radiorama article) seems to be working for them.
http://www.goldrockkenya.com/html/contacts.htm
http://www.goldrockkenya.com/html/communications.htm
(Jari Savolainen, Finland, April 16, ibid.)

Probably the accuracy of the details varies a bit depending on the writer, but the big picture seems to be the same. Seems they also got the word about my yesterday's tentative reception including the Youtube video links, but they don't care to comment it to me any more (or they don't hear anything in the clips, without earphones and DX-practice?):
http://youtu.be/_uTb5IVEyic
http://youtu.be/ksQb8-UbB4o
Today s/on at 1319 and off at 1445
(Mauno Ritola, Finland, 1612 UT April 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Any more information on transmitter location or power? Are there any links related to this station on the Internet? I found this page but there was at least no mention of the SW frequencies:
http://www.abyanmedia.com/soomaaliya/item/906-radio-puntland-oo-hawada-galay
(Mika M%kel%inen, WRTH Facebook via DXLD)

Somalia, Puntland. A station called R. Puntland plans to start on shortwave in June on 6140 and 13800 kHz. Power should be upto 25 kW in June (WRTH - World Radio TV Handbook Facebook page 14th April)

This report in English from http://www.raxanreeb.com (11th April):

Garowe (RBC News) Puntland president Dr. Abdurrahman Faroole has officially opened a new radio which will be aired from Garawe.

The establishment of this radio which can be heard on shortwaves has been going on for two years in the Puntland capital Garawe. Italian government has funded the radio project and will be the voice of Puntland administration.

The radio is on the air now for testing and the enrolment of staff that will be running the radio is underway.

Mr. Faroole who spoke at the opening ceremony stated that they were contemplating about founding of a Radio and TV for Puntland for a long time so as to disseminate the interest of Puntland state and following concerted efforts it has now come into effect. He stated that the TV is on the way and coming soon.

The new radio is named as Radio Puntland will be heard throughout Puntland. It's now operated by Italian technicians.

RBC Radio.
http://www.raxanreeb.com/2013/04/somalia-puntland-launches-new-radio/

Puntland is a region of northeastern Somalia which declared itself an autonomous state in 1998 - see BBC Profile of Puntland:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-14114727
(via Alan Pennington, UK, April 15, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

More detailed info enclosed. Thank you Mauno and Jari for cooperation.
73, (Ilpo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Enrico, here's a model example of modern team work within radio community of the world. Can you confirm all this data below? Best regards, (Ilpo Parviainen, Finland, Europe, April 16, via DXLD)

Hallo!!! Yes, all confirmed. I designed the station.

Tx Elcor 25 kW (Costa Rica)
Modulation PDM with optical laser switching.
Tube 3cx 20000a
Plate voltage modulation.
64 bit audio sampling rate.

Antenna
Broadband vertical dual conical.

26 m mast
Radius 27m
Gain @ 24 MHz > 5dBi
Take off angle +/- 18 deg.
Omnidirectional
Max handling power 50 kW at 10 MHz
Manufacturer Hanjiin electronics Seoul South Korea.

Station civil works and building design by Enrico Li Perni.
Project financed by the Italian government.
Project management UNOPS Nairobi Kenya.

Please note: Elcor Costa Rica is on the verge of closing due to lack of clients and mismanagement. We have ordered the transmitter in 2009 and never completed by them.

In conjunction with a famous RF orm manufacturer in Italia Res Ingenium are currently designing the next generation of Short wave transmitters for the new DRM market and to replace the old NEC HF10 transmitters that have survived but still active in various part of the world.

Goldrock has recently revamped 2 NEC for the Uganda broadcasting corporation with success and are currently on Air.

Rebuilded completely the tuning circuits burned by incorrect tuning. Changed the pa tube 4CX 15000 and 2 x 4CX 5000 tube for the audio drive unit.

Project founded by the NGO Invisible Children USA. [see in DXLD yg:]
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If you need more info please contact me or call +254724735011

Kind regards, Enrico Li Perni, 5z4es, Iv3sbe, 6O0es, Sent from my iPhone (via Ilpo, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

Kiitos! Yes! He confirmed my reception based on the nonstop Somali music and s/on and /off times and promised a QSL card later signed by the authorities. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, April 17, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Here is a recording I made today April 17 at 1424 UT, with Radio Puntland broadcasting music on 13800 kHz:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04ioHZMvMNU

The signal sounds fine on USB, but on LSB there was only noise. Probably a transmitter malfunction. (Tudor Vedeanu, (Gura Humorului, Romania), April 17, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Where is this, anyway? Garoowe (which seems to be preferred spelling) is just beyond the sharp eastern corner of Ethiopia`s Ogaden. Some of my atlases don`t show it at all (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA [and non]. R Romania International heard in Spanish at 1910 tune-in today, 12 April, on new 11805 ex-11795, still in parallel with 9665. 9665 meanwhile completely wipes out REE Spain in English on the same channel, although fortunately, parallel 11615 to Africa is well heard (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And RRI heard in French at 1600 on 9800 (ex 9810) (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, ibid.)

Frequency changes of Radio Romania International:
1600-1656 9800 TIG 300 kW / 292 deg WeEu French, ex 9810 // 11915
1900-1956 11805 TIG 300 kW / 277 deg SoEu Spanish, ex 11795 // 9665*
* strong co-channel REE in English Mon-Fri, bad frequency choice (DX RE MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 16 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 5930, April 12 at 1230, good big band jazz music, 1231 Russian announcement, Friday night from R. Rossii, Petropavlovsk / Kamchatskiy; // much weaker 5940 Magadan, both of which quit at 1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 6100, Radio Kyzyl heard at 1200 GMT, clear ID in both Chinese and Russian, then presumed news in Russian. Fair-to-good signal. 4/13/13 (Bob Brossell, Pewaukee WI, JRC NRD-545; Eton E1; Sony SW-77, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

How clear? We`d all love to hear this listed 5 kW Kyzyl, Tannu Tuva transmitter, but what about the 500 kW CRI Russian service during this hour aimed 55 degrees also toward us? Audible any morning here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 6195, Apr 11, 2117, R Rossii, Selenginsk, Buryat sounded very much like Mongolian. Eibi lists "Buryatskoye Radio" 2110-2200 Sun - Thurs. Fine modulation, completely in the clear but bothered by strong CNR-2 on 6190 (Martien Groot, Netherlands, SW Bulletin April 14 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. R. Zelyoniy Glaz, Moscow operates every Friday between 1200-1500 on 25900 kHz with 400 W in parallel with 1584 kHz. W:

vk.com/magic.eye.mtuci . Email: greeneyeradio@yandex.ru . (WRTH National Radio update April 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DXLD)

Several other reports of 25900 have not used this name (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. 9900, ARMENIA, V. of Russia, 1411 English, discussion of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Poor, // 11530 via Tajikistan, 12030 and 15670 via Asiatic Russia, Apr 13 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car by the lake with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at http://www.odxa.on.ca dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11530, April 11 at 1259, VOR ending English saying english.ruvr.ru, via usual noisy transmitter in TAJIKISTAN, 1300 `Chariots of Fire` theme and opening Hindi for an hour, to resume English at 1400.

12070, April 16 at 0535, collision of almost equal signals in Russian and Portuguese, i.e. per Aoki, DW due south from RWANDA, and R. Rossii, Moskva-Taldom at 267 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. 21780, April 16 at 1852, VG signal from DW in Hausa, on otherwise almost dead band for lack of interest by broadcasters; in fact, would be the OSOB if it were not for a very weak 21630 = WHRI which is aimed back toward Africa, but inside the skip zone here. So just the SSOB. 21780 is // 15275 also VG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAAR. 183 kHz, Germany, Saarlouis, 0419-0423 om with second om in interview, strong signal 8 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ST. BARTS. 8137-USB, Motor Sailing Vessel, 1155 with weather report 5 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ST. KITTS & NEVIS. Radio Paradise, St Kitts 820 kHz --- Religious broadcaster Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) has donated its 50,000 watts station Radio Paradise, St Kitts [820 kHz] to Flowing Streams Church, Vero Beach, Florida, whose senior pastor, Rev. Rick Wiles, produces a daily international radio talk show "Trunews".

TBN has owned/operated Radio Paradise since 1992 - its output included audio feed of TBN's TV programming. The new format will include music, ministry programmes and world news relevant to Christian listeners.

TBN's founder Dr Paul Crouch said in the TBN announcement that Radio

Paradise's signal, as well as covering the Caribbean, had reached into Central America and had been "heard as far away as England".

Full announcement:
http://www.tbn.org/announcements/tbn-donates-radio-paradise-caribbean-am-station-to-florida-based-christian-ministry
(April 9 2013)

Radio Paradise, St Kitts has been a regular catch in the UK on 820 kHz, especially on Sheigra DXpeditions in Scotland, though disappointingly often with a relay of TBN TV sound mentioned above and no local IDs (Alan Pennington, Caversham UK, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Trunews is already on KBXD, WHRI and WWCR (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SAIPAN. 17855, April 12 at 0536, poor signal in Chinese, i.e. Radio Free Asia, 100 kW, 310 degrees at 03-07 --- first time heard this year. Summer hi-latitude, hi-band paths are starting to open up in the nightmiddle. Even 13m can do so as Solstice approaches (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. PALAU, 15400, R. Free Kenyalang via Palau, Apr 12 *0900-0910, 35433 Iban, 0900 sign on with IS, Opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. SRI LANKA, 15420, R. Free Sarawak via Sri Lanka, Apr 11 1111-1122, 45444 Iban, Talk, ID at 1119.

15420, R. Free Sarawak via Sri Lanka, Apr 13 1135-1155, 35433-45444, Iban, Talk, ID at 1153 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This transmission is thought to be via TAIWAN now, not SRI LANKA (gh, DXLD)

15420, April 11 at 1238, something weak here and nothing on 15430, presumed R. Free Sarawak, via TAIWAN. Has their website caught up yet with real frequency instead of 15430? Don`t know; get a ``no site configured`` at http://radiofreesarawak.org (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15420, April 12 at 1240, presumed Iban speech from R. Free Sarawak, poor with flutter, still here and nothing on 15430.

At 0130 UT April 12, http://radiofreesarawak.org/ forwarded to another

page which headed:

    ``1900-2100 Local
    1100-1300 UTC
Radio Free Sarawak
    SW 15430 kHz [sic]
    Tel 082-237191

Our website is currently under a DDOS attack. Please visit our Soundcloud page
http://soundcloud.com/radiofreesarawak
where you can listen to our recent shows if the site is slow or not responding.``

And below that is a link to a previous program, not today`s:
``7 April 2013 Fear not BN the devil!``

At 1648 UT April 12 now it says: ``Our site has been under heavy DDOS attack over the last 48 hours. We will be very, very soon. [sic] Thank you for your patience and understanding`` and still showing wrong frequency 15430 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGESET)

Trincomalee was the site B12 11600. Not now (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, April 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Later back to 15430

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15120, April 11 at 1230, `Salaam Aleikum` but otherwise not in Arabic, mixed with music. Couple IDs sound like ``Radio Serbia`` but can`t be that. Must be ``Radio Saudia`` or somesuch, as all references agree this can only be BSKSA Riyadh Bengali service. At 1233 inserted English words, ``National People`s Congress`` and ``Communist Party``, referring to China? 1249 now in Qur`an, fair with flutter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sabato 13 aprile 2013: 0600 - 17730 // 17740 kHz, BSKSA 1 - Ryadh (A. Saudita), ID e notizie OM. Segnale molto buono (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. 9685, UT Sunday April 14 at 0114, IRS is off! Unlike one week ago when English was airing a semihour later than on weekdays. Perhaps this week they decided to follow their published schedule lacking that, rather than usual practice (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9685, Caught tail end of R. Serbia with sign-off at 0125 UT, 5 full minutes ahead of schedule. This should be Serbian language since it`s past Zero Hours UT. I have been "late" here a few times, trying to catch sign-off. Tonite illustrates why (Paul S. in CT using a Tecsun PL-310 DSP Barefoot, UT Tuesday April 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

R. Serbia 9685 kHz English --- Tonight's program signs off correctly with interval music at 0058 after frequency announcements. Good signal here at 50+ db-micro, but audio is undermodulated to the point of difficult listening. SINPO is solid 4's undermod. with little PGX effects (Paul S. in CT (central) using PL-310 barefoot, 0104 UT April 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) What`s PGX? (gh)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.88, SIBC, Apr 13 0837-0904, 35343-35443, Pidgin, Talk and music, ID at 0901 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA. See PUNTLAND: new SW station!

** SOMALILAND. 7120, 10/4 *2027, Radio Harghaysa, Somaliland, start broadcast, hymn, ID, prayer, very good (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Normally signs off at 1900v* and that`s it. New later transmission? If stays on long enough, would audiblize it in eastern N America (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Radio Today, 1485, Marks Park, Jo'burg. Apr 14, 2013 Sunday. 1735-1833. Should be 24 hour, but this evening off air from before 1735 until 1823, then suddenly on without apology or explanation, with a music programme. Good, when it came on; but before that, just a hummy carrier. Jo'burg sunset 1553 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Sabato 13 aprile 2013: 0614 - 15170 kHz, RFI - Meyerton (S. Africa). Mainly open carrier, just a second of talk YL and at 0615 s/off (surely to repair it). Segnale sufficiente-buono (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN [and non]. R Romania International heard in Spanish at 1910 tune-in today, 12 April, on new 11805 ex-11795, still in parallel with 9665. 9665 meanwhile completely wipes out REE Spain in English on the same channel, although fortunately, parallel 11615 to Africa is well heard (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5995, April 16 at 0548, REE COSTA RICA [q.v.] relay again on wrong

frequency instead of 5965 which is supposed to be used after 0400; W&W in Castilian discussing jackets and pants.

13715-13725, April 16 at 1247 noise; is it jamming or DRM? weak vs CODAR. HFCC shows REE Noblejas 13720 DRM at 1100-1300, 250 kW non-direxional; really at full power?

11910, April 16 at 1355, REE Spanish relay via Beijing to Philippines, is already over with IS playing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. [re 13-15:] ``Euskadi Irratia to close MW from 1st May --- Basque EITB Euskadi Irratia will close its medium wave service [on 1476 1386 1197 963 819 and 756 kHz] from 1st May 2013 due to economic problems.``

And also their local outlet Radio Vitoria on 1602 kHz according to the EITB Web page:
http://www.eitb.com/es/radio/detalle/1309342/el-grupo-eitb-radio--nuevas-emisiones-fm-internet/
73, (Patrick Robic, Austria, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Euskadi - Euskadi Irratia --- last days! It is official: MW stations of EITB will be switched off on May 1st. During April the power will be progressively reduced until the total switch off. Published on April 10th:
http://www.eitb.com/es/radio/detalle/1309342/el-grupo-eitb-radio--nuevas-emisiones-fm-internet/

Last days to QSL!

Euskadi Irratia:
1197 EAJ162 Vitoria (EstÌbaliz)
1386 EAJ362 Bilbao (Ganguren-Artxanda)
1476 EAJ562 San Sebasti·n (Biribilondo-Zubieta)

Radio Euskadi:
756 EAJ462 Bilbao (Ganguren-Artxanda)
819 EAJ262 Vitoria (EstÌbaliz)
963 EAJ662 San Sebasti·n (Biribilondo-Zubieta)

73! Mauricio Molano, Salamanca, ESPA—A - SPAIN
RX site: Aldea del Cano, C·ceres.
LAT: 39∫17'09.70 N   LONG: 6∫19'00 W
RX: PERSEUS.   ANT: WELLBROOK ALA1530S+
http://moladx.blogspot.com/
(via MWDX via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 17745, 14/Apr 1600, UNITED KINGDOM (Relay), Sudan Radio Service Darfur in Arabic. ID by OM and YL. At 1602 seems that went off the air for a few seconds. Then, when back the modulation was inaudible. Traces of modulation afterwards at 1608. At 1610 external commentator. Very weak signal (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west; Escutas (listening, my blog): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UAE, 13720.037, Sudan Radio Service in Arabic, West African like poppy music, via Al Dhabbaya-UAE relay site, scheduled 0400-0530 UT daily, heard at 0518 UT Apr 12. Poor sidelobe signal into Germany (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Apr 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 15549.953, Radio Dabanga, S=8-9 sidelobe signal from Al Dhabbaya-UAE relay site. At 0558 UT Apr 12, Radio Dabanga station jingle heard twice at 0552 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Apr 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 11650, April 13 at 0535, R. Dabanga ID in passing, now with het again, jammer? // 15400 not synchronized. 11650 is Vatican, 15400 Madagascar; and per EiBi also on 15550/UAE. Nothing on 12160, where Zacharias Liangas reported this April 4, but is not on any of the schedules (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Re 13-15]: ``12160, Dabanga, 0550 4/4 with talks in Arabic, S2. At 0555 with seemingly preaching and a HOA song, ID Dabanga at 1556, off then (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, April 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Really? Which time is correct, 0550/0555 or 1556?? None of the schedules show it on 12160 at either time; EiBi has Dabanga on 11650, 15400, 15550 at 0430-0600; 1530-1630 on 15150, 15725. Maybe he wrote 12160 instead of 15150? How about PROOFREADING? But the off-time implies it was really the morning broadcast (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)``

I also have it weak on 6th April. Maybe difference higher spur of 11650 and 11905? 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mauno -- Bingo, TX station intermodulation of 255 kHz distance in SMG site in Vatican State.

11650 0400-0557 47,48W SMG 250 145 Multi CVA PNW FPU R Dabanga
and
11905 0500-0600 39N,40 SMG 250 113 Kurdish CVA IBB IBB VOA Kurdish

formula
2 x 11905 = 23810 kHz minus 11650 = 12160 kHz.

but VOA Kurdish should also occur on symmetric on lower side 11395 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.) see also VATICAN

** SUDAN SOUTH [non]. 11560, 7/4 0542-0600*, Radio Miraya, via Bulgaria, in English, songs, IDs, good, end of broadcast (Giampiero Bernardini, tips on SW made in BOC 29 DX nights with Dario Monferini, Also on: http://radiodxsw.blogspot.it/ RX: Excalibur Pro; SDR-IQ; AOR 5000A; Drake SPR-4; Degen DE1103; ANT: Wellbrook Loop LFL 1010; MaxiWhip 10 meters with balun 1:32 by A. Capra QTH: Bocca di Magra, La Spezia, Liguria, Italia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11560, MOLDOVA, Radio Miraya at 0410 with a man with slow and deliberate delivery of English news with many mentions of "Sudan" and "Darfur" then headlines at 0412 and a singing "Miraya" ID and some promos then a PSA on working together at 0415 - Fair Apr 13 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, ON, Alinco DXR8T, Eton E-1 and loaded inverted vee, compact loaded delta loop, or 60' wire ODXA Your Reports Express via DXLD) So which site(s) is/was it on these dates? (gh, DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo, 0903-0919 April 9; M announcer in listed Dutch with light music & talk; presumed ad at 0915 into what sounded like a daily affirmation, still going at tune/out; very nice reception with greyline right on top of Suriname (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 60m dipole, 200' Beverages, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 15360, April 11 at 1413, good signal, TWR Urdu suddenly switches to English, ``please visit us online`` and spelling out an unfamiliar website I cannot copy completely; then postal address in Lahore, 1415 IS once, open carrier. If you want to hear more of that nice music-box, tune in a few minutes before 1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of Trans World Radio Africa from Apr 7:
1630-1800 NF 11725#MAN 100 kW / 013 deg EaAf Amharic/Oromo, ex 11760*
strong co-ch CRI in Arabic, again bad frequency selection!
* avoid VOA in Swahili 1630-1700 & VOA in Azeri 1730-1800 (DX RE MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 16, 2013 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 6135, Radio Taiwan International heard at 1145 GMT, talks in Mandarin. 4/11/13 (Bob Brossell, Pewaukee WI, JRC NRD-545; Eton E1; Sony SW-77, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Possibly, but far more likely to hear the CNR1 jammer against it. If there was only one signal audible in Chinese, it`s sure to be the

jammer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765.05, Tajik R., Apr 12 1444-1504, 35433, Tajik, Talk, ID at 1500 and 1503 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, RX: IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT: 70m Sloper Wire, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TATARSTAN [non]. April 9, 2013: From 0610 UT accept the program "Na volne Tatarstana" at a frequency of 9690 kHz (wonder where broadcasting?). SINPO: 45,433. In Russian was the only identification: "You are listening to the program" In the wake of Tatarstan". Transmission is in Tatar. Transfer to 0410 UT on 15110 kHz, I could not hear. From 0810 UT accept the program "Na volne Tatarstana" at a frequency of 15195 kHz. SINPO: 25,342. Faintly (Receiver: Tecsun PL-660, Antenna: Telescopic (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Rusiia / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX 14 April via DXLD)

From Samara broadcasting 250 kW, Azimut 58 degrees (Andrew / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX 14 April via DXLD)

?? So has the Samara site been closed down or not??? (gh, DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 15525, April 11 at 1358, good open carrier, 1400 starts unknown language, but in the clear. Consulting HFCC first or only, one would be totally misled, as it shows only IBB in Kurdish at 1400-1500 via Wertachtal. On contrary, Aoki & EiBi do not show that but instead at 1400-1428, V. of Tibet via MADAGASCAR.

That explains why at next check 1416 there is now Firedrake on 15525, and unusually about equal level to VOT --- if I understood Tibetan, I could understand the Tibetan despite this jamming, and wish the same for the dentro-Tibetans (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

{The ``understood`` and ``understand`` might seem strange above, but in traditional Spanish there would be two different words --- comprender meaning of course to comprehend in the first instance, and entender, meaning being able simply to hear it, in the second. Except comprender seems to have fallen out of fashion, as a bit too rude for polite speech. Especially as a question. øComprende? Instead you tone it down by asking øEntiende? Then if one truly did not comprehend something, one can blame it on reception conditions rather than ignorance --- gh}

15525, April 14 at 1401, V. of Tibet, via MADAGASCAR, good signal with neat throat-singing, introducing talk segment; no jamming audible yet. As in EiBi and Aoki, while HFCC shows instead VOA Kurdish via Wertachtal --- NOT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Only HFCC til Apr 11. In HFCC April 12 issue:
15525 WER Kurdish deleted now. 73 wolfy (Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

** TURKEY. 15450, April 13 at 1229, VOT IS and opening English; fair signal, program summary includes fortnightly `DX Corner` this week, so I keep checking for it, but does not start until 1300, after hit by ACI from stronger 15445 KSDA Kachin (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. It's easy to lose track of these on the BBC WS webpages; however you can find the BBC World Service six-monthly printable schedules (for April to October 2013) at
http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio/help/faq
(Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

For printable BBC shortwave frequency schedules have a look at
http://www.shortwavetimes.com/files/Su13_BBC_Freqs_by_area.pdf and
http://www.shortwavetimes.com/files/Su13_BBC_Freqs_Global.pdf
(Ste Cooper, ibid.) rather small color-coded grid any more (gh)

[non]. Frequency change of BBC:
0300-0400 NF 9410 DHA 250 kW / 255 deg CEAf Arabic, ex 9425*
* avoid Voice of Greece on 9420 (DX RE MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, April 16, 2013 via DXLD)

** U K. BBC R4 Great Lives: Kenny Everett

Chris Tarrant chooses one of the great pioneers of modern radio - a man born Maurice Cole in Liverpool in 1944, who became famous on television as Gizzard Puke, Cupid Stunt and Sid Snot. Kenny Everett's life was almost as bizarre as the characters he played, but it is for his work as a deejay that Chris Tarrant selects him.

Tuesday 1630, repeat Friday 2300.

More including video from Chris Tarrant at:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01rvppq
(Mike Barraclough, April 12, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 4802-USB, April 14 at 0102, Navy MARS net, one guy talking about his 2m and 6m repeaters, and he will not be available for the `5W4B` net on Monday morning, what to do? Reply from NNN0AJT. Zero hits on Google search; yahoo search insists I should be looking for Nannaj, a bird sanxuary in India! Also not a single hit on that call among the 48,500 posts so far to the UDXF yg.

4630-USB, April 14 at 0106, MARS-like net, but mentions ``Tennessee CAP 4-1`` or some such, no more check-ins so now the net is free for

informal conversation. This site http://www.tncap.us/ has everything but radio frequencies and skeds (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 2000-USB, April 14 at 0116, New York Radio, VOLMET is very poor but confirmed still running on this strange new frequency; had not checked it for a few weeks. Schedule is H+00-20 and 30-50, and easy to // 3485-USB and the higher ones (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The 60th Anniversary was celebrated in the RFE/RL office in Washington. D.C. on 1 March, 2013. Details of the celebration and historical photographs can be viewed here: http://www.rferl.org/content/radio-liberty-60th-birthday/24915830.html (March Medium Wave News via DXLD)

** U S A. GO-GO EGOS --- Anyone walking around the Cohen Building is well acquainted with the many virtuous postings, initiated by IBB officialdom, regarding, among other things, the need for employees to be courteous to one another.

After so many years of empty promises, weíve taken such haranguing with a grain of salt, which is good because the latest incident involving rudeness on the part of an Agency manager reminds us why that team has consistently been rated pretty much the worse in government.

The incident also reminds us that, as far as Agency managers are concerned, egos still rule. They ruled when they had U.S. taxpayers pay half a billion dollars in the Hartman v. Albright case they knew the Agency would lose, but refused to settle for over a decade. Egos ruled as OCB employees were illegally dismissed, and egos still rule as these employees lose their homes, go into bankruptcy and watch their families disintegrate because Agency managers refuse to comply with the decisions of a federal arbitrator and the FLRA to reinstate them in the jobs that were wrongfully taken from them.

Egos ruled when employees of the VOA Arabic Service were illegally denied jobs with Radio Sawa, and sued, a lawsuit that cost U.S. taxpayers well over $600 000 dollars. Egos still rule as the Agency refuses to settle a lawsuit by U.S. citizen employees illegally denied jobs and promotions, even after a federal arbitrator and the FLRA ruled against Agency officials.

Egos ruled when former Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty president Steven Korn fired most of Radio Libertyís Russian service staff. Consideration was lacking of the disastrous impact this decision would have on employeesí lives and on U.S. foreign policy.

And egos apparently still ruled last week when Kornís ally, Masha Gessen, an Agency manager, chose to publicly humiliate one of the members of the BBG, Governor Victor Ashe. (See World Affairs Journal:

http://www.worldaffairsjournal.org/blog/judy-bachrach/moscow-Potomac

Gessen, who theoretically should show respect to Mr. Ashe, not only because she is a subordinate of the BBG, but because as those garish, bordering-on-silly posters, displayed by management officials at the VOA (although perhaps not at Radio Liberty), remind employees to show ìbasic courtesyî to one another. Gessen displayed the type of unconscionable behavior on the part of management that we at AFGE Local 1812 have become all too familiar with - posters notwithstanding.

As we have said for many months, itís time for Congress and the White House to reassert control of an Agency whose managers have spun out of control. The Agency is not, as its managers seem to believe, a private fiefdom to be cut up and dispose of as they please, or a source of double-dipping for managers rehired by their pals shortly after they retire.

The Voice of America and the other organizations within the BBG are important tools of U.S. public diplomacy which should go back to serving U.S. taxpayers and national interests, rather than the narrow, ego-driven interests of a small group of entrenched bureaucrats pushing a flawed strategic plan (AFGE Local 1812 via DXLD)

SEQUESTRATION: A SOLUTION

We have several suggestions for management on ways to deal with the cuts made necessary by the sequestration process:

ï Cancel or renegotiate the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) 50-million-dollar contract with the Gallup Organization. If we look at all the Reuters ìfillerî stories now on the VOA English-Language web site, or the precipitous decline in listenership of Radio Libertyís Russian service, we already know that no amount of surveying will assist us in increasing our audiences.

ï Remove all those former managers who were re-hired as consultants as soon as they became retired annuitants. They donít need to supplement their retirement income, but we need more broadcasters/reporters/producers.

ï Settle the class actions against the Agency. The tab is running up, up and up. The law says that any settlement has to come out of an

Agencyís funds. Managers are mortgaging the Agencyís future by piling up legal debts.

ï Get rid of Executivesí special assistants who canít show theyíre doing something useful for the Agency including the coordination of alleged morale improvements or organizing classes in cosmetics or writing reports that go into a bureaucratic black hole.

ï Find new managers with people skills who know how to manage both resources and employees. Otherwise, we'll end up as an international disgrace and laughingstock which is what happened with the Russian Service of Radio Liberty (AFGE Local 1812 via DXLD)

** U S A. For your further attention: BBG budget request and CEO proposal

Friends, Given the vast amount of information released yesterday about the President's FY 2014 budget request, I wanted to draw your attention again to the BBG's part in that. It is a priority for us to get the word out about this agency's important work. Please see our news release below.

The release refers to a key objective of the BBG and the Administration: the creation of a Chief Executive Officer to provide day-to-day oversight for all our media operations. Under this proposal, the Board will hire and supervise the CEO, retaining the critical role of setting the strategic direction of U.S. international media, as well as evaluating its journalistic quality and maintaining its journalistic integrity.

At the end of the release are links to the proposed legislative language and a summary of it, prepared together with the White House. Please spend some time reviewing them, and let us know of any questions.

Best regards,
Lynne Weil
Director of Communications and External Affairs
Broadcasting Board of Governors

BBG BUDGET REQUEST REFLECTS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND GLOBAL MEDIA ENVIRONMENT --- April 10, 2013

Washington, DC - The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) today released its FY 2014 budget request to help U.S. international media meet its strategic priorities in light of dynamic global media environments and current spending constraints.

"Tight budgets require us to prioritize the use of our resources even as we strive to make the best use of 21st century opportunities to inform, engage, and connect with our audiences," said Michael Meehan, chairman of the board's Strategy and Budget Committee. "As is true across the federal government, we have to take a hard look at spending -- seeking efficiencies wherever possible and limiting the impact on our mission-critical work."

For FY 2014, the BBG has requested $731 million for U.S. international media. The request contains proposed investments designed to increase the impact and reach of U.S. international broadcasting with $13.9 million primarily to support critical initiatives to counter violent extremism. The investments as a whole would:

Create a multi-channel, multi-language information and engagement initiative targeting youth in the Trans-Sahel region of Africa.
Provide deeper, on-the ground coverage in the critical Maghreb region - the birthplace of the Arab Spring.
Engage new audiences in Burma by investing in the creation and distribution of compelling content for distribution over TV satellite, local affiliates, mobile, and other digital platforms.
Realign transmission assets and upgrade other infrastructure to improve service to critical audiences and to reduce reliance on external leases.

The request also contains $12.5 million in Internet anti-censorship funding to continue a broad-based approach to the deployment of emerging technologies and partnerships with cutting-edge experts, developers and in-country networks.

Included in the budget request is a legislative proposal to establish a Chief Executive Officer for all civilian U.S. international media. Establishing a CEO is a key objective of the BBG and the Administration. The proposal will improve the management and efficiency of BBG operations, helping to mitigate the challenges of a part-time board. The BBG's governing board has repeatedly voiced support for creation of a CEO, an element in their five-year strategic plan, had has previously submitted language to Congress for such a position. The Department of State's Office of the Inspector General underscored the importance of such an action.

The CEO will be empowered to provide day-to-day executive leadership for U.S. international broadcasting and will have management authority over the federal and non-federal elements. The Board will hire and supervise the CEO, retaining the critical role of setting the strategic direction of U.S. international media, as well as evaluating its journalistic quality and maintaining its journalistic integrity.

The BBG's strategic plan provides the context for the budget request and notes that to be competitive in today's complex media markets, the agency must innovate as never before. To have the resources and management structures to enable such innovation, the agency must integrate its operations.

Proposed shifts include scaling back selected language services to reduce overlap, increasing cooperation, and ensuring that broadcasters will provide complementary content; streamlining and restructuring central news operations; realizing savings in information technology; and making other administrative and support reductions in ways that will not diminish the agency's ability to execute its mission.

The FY 2014 budget request includes program, transmission and staffing reductions across all the networks -- at the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, the Middle East Broadcasting Networks, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting -- and the International Broadcasting Bureau, in part through efforts to continue to restructure operations and end duplication. This includes rationalizing distribution through reductions of some cross-border (shortwave and medium wave) broadcasts where they have the least impact - either because audiences are small, or because people prefer to access programs on other, more popular media, including FM radio, television, and the Internet. The VOA Greek and RFE/RL Balkan services would be closed under this proposed budget.

"Some of these changes, if enacted, will be very difficult on the men and women involved," Meehan said. "We will do everything possible to minimize the impact on our employees through agency buyouts, early-out authority and reducing positions via attrition."

The BBG FY 2014 budget request is available here.
http://www.bbg.gov/wp-content/media/2013/04/FINAL-FY-2014-CBJ-print.pdf
The BBG FY 2014 Investment Proposals are available here.
http://www.bbg.gov/wp-content/media/2013/04/FY-2014-Budget-Request-Investments.pdf
The BBG FY 2014 Chief Executive Officer Proposal, including legislative language, is available here.
http://www.bbg.gov/wp-content/media/2013/04/CEO-Proposal-with-Legislation.pdf
(BBG PR April 10 via Clara Listensprechen, DXLD)

Message from IBB Director on BBG FY 2014 Budget Request

Dear Colleagues, The work you do to promote freedom of information and to bring truth to audiences around the globe is critical. Our journalism is an antidote to censorship and extremist rhetoric, as well as a model of free media during this period of volatility in global affairs.

Civilian U.S. international broadcasting remains a strategic imperative for the United States, and the Presidentís budget request for Fiscal Year 2014 underscores that. That is why the President is requesting $731 million for U.S. international broadcasting. This is an increase of $18 million over the current budget, which includes the sequestration cuts. The budget request is now in the hands of Congress.

Guided by directives from OMB, our 2012-2016 strategic plan, and extensive cooperation among the leadership across all the broadcasters involved, the budget request includes new investments in Africa, the Middle East and Burma, as well as significant ongoing content distribution in key markets such as Afghanistan, China, Iran and Pakistan.

Proposed investments of $13.9 million are designed to increase the impact and reach of U.S. international broadcasting, primarily in support of critical initiatives to counter violent extremism. Among them is the creation of a multi-channel, multi-language information and engagement initiative targeting youth in the Trans-Sahel region of Africa that will boost resources for VOA and MBN. Providing deeper, on-the-ground coverage for MBN in the critical Maghreb region ñ the birthplace of the Arab Spring ñ is another strategic investment. In addition, we will be engaging new audiences in Burma by investing in the creation and distribution of compelling content for satellite TV, local affiliates, and digital platforms. And we are realigning transmission assets to upgrade service to critical audiences and to reduce reliance on external leases.

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We realize that some of these changes, if enacted, will be very difficult on the men and women involved. We will do everything possible to minimize the impact on our employees through agency buyouts, early-out authority and reducing positions via attrition.

In the face of these challenges, our commitment is undiminished to working with all of you to improve our workplace culture. It is a challenge we can only overcome together, and the channels of communication will remain open throughout the budget process so we can share as much information as possible. In the interim, the BBG FY 2014 budget request is available at
http://www.bbg.gov/wp-content/media/2013/04/FINAL-FY-2014-CBJ-online.pdf

As ever in making these hard choices amid an increasingly tight fiscal environment, we are mindful that your work to provide balanced news and information to audiences who lack access to accurate, credible media is the central endeavor of this agency. We share your commitment to serving our audiences overseas, and are wedded to this essential

mission even as we wrestle with very difficult budget limitations.

(Richard Lobo, Director, International Broadcasting Bureau, April 10, via DXLD)

AFGE PRESIDENT COX DENOUNCES OBAMAíS BUDGET

AFGE President J. David Cox denounced parts of President Obamaís Fiscal Year 2014 budget because of the harm it would cause to not only federal workers but to middle class Americans as well.

According to President Cox:

ìHis administration has frozen our pay for three years. It oversaw and approved shifting retirement system costs for new employees that will lower their salaries by 2.3% forever. The administration signed the Budget Control Act that brought us the sequester. It is implementing the sequester by imposing lengthy furloughs on federal workers while leaving the larger and costlier contractor workforce untouched. It pushes a cruel cut to Social Security, veteransí, and federal employee retirement benefits through the chained CPI.î

ìAnd now, a final act of betrayal. The White House proposes a fiscal 2014 budget with $35 billion MORE in retirement system cuts, accelerating the race to the bottom for federal workers and their families.î

ìWe cannot understand how an administration that claims to stand up for working and middle class Americans can simultaneously push policies that would impose such enormous pain on its own workforce.î

ìThis proposal is as unnecessary as it is cruel, and we urge lawmakers to reject it entirely.î (AFGE Local 1812 via DXLD)

** U S A. Hi Kim, I`ve been wondering about the odd 80 kW listed power for the GB Radiograms. As you probably saw in April NASWA Journal, Dan F says ``I suspect the ``80 kw`` is some sort of equivalent power on a 250 kw AM transmitter`` --- But this IS in the AM mode, merely playing audio tones, right? Can you explain the power level? Tnx, (Glenn Hauser, April 13 to Kim Elliott, via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, And happy birthday, Because the digital text involves steady tones ("duty cycle" of 80 to 100%) rather than voice, which is more variable, bringing the power down saves wear and tear on the transmitter. I'm not exactly sure why 80 kW was chosen, but I'll try to find out. Given the performance of the digital text so far, we could probably bring the power down some more, although at a certain point, on these old GE transmitters, there is no longer any real

savings in wear or electricity (Kim Elliott, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOA Radiogram --- 100% copy of all modes so far from the VOA 5745 transmitter. Loads of fun. FLdigi is perfect for this! 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, 0247 UT Sunday April 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Olivia 4-2000 is showing the odd error. Up to now, all the modes were virtually flawless, here on the west coast. No problem now, as Kim has shifted to 2000 Hz and interjected music, but with Olivia 16-1000 mode; slower and 100% copy. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, 0301 UT, ibid.) See also NETHERLANDS [non] !

** U S A. Programa escuchado: M˙sica Country , Identificacion de la emisora

REALMENTE LAMENTO MUCHœSIMO QUE HAYAN REDUCIDO LOS HORARIOS DE ONDA CORTA. ES UNA VERDADERA PENA DESPUES DE TANTOS A—OS DE CONFIAR EN LA V.O.A

Hola amigos, tuve la suerte y el gran gusto de poder escucharlos. Y aprovecho este informe de recepciÚn para enviarles saludos muy cordiales, y solicitarles algunos recuerdos de la emisora como asÏ tambiËn la correspondiente tarjeta QSL de ser correcto este informe que adem‡s, espero les sea de utilidad. Los saludo muy cordialmente dese‡ndoles lo mejor, y quedo en sintonÏa. (from a reception report to VOA from Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, via condiglist yg via DXLD)

Asunto: RE: GRACIAS POR ESA LEALTAD

Ernesto, solo personas como ustedes nos alientan y empujan para seguir adelante, efectivamente esos recortes nos causaron un gran dolor dado que la VOA tiene su lugarcito en el corazÛn del mundo entero, por su profesionalismo, por sus dÈcadas al servicio de la humanidad, por las decenas sino cientos de profesionales que pasaron por sus estudios y luego desaparecieron, pero un dÌa volveremos con esa gran Ìmpetu, profesionalismo que ha caracterizado a la VOA para reasumir esa gran credibilidad y respeto en el mundo, mientras tanto sigan con nosotros no nos abandonen. Un fuerte abrazo a la distancia a nombre de todos los colegas que quedan en La Voz de AmÈrica (Mercedes Antezana, 15 de Abril, respuesta via Paulero, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. More and more IBB changes, all new frequencies:

Voice of America
0100-0200 15205 UDO 250 kW / 292 deg SoAs English, ex 11705
1300-1400 13690 IRA 250 kW / 340 deg WeAs Pashto Deewa Radio ex 11590
1400-1500 9850 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg WeAs Kurdish, ex 15130

1400-1500 13690 LAM 100 kW / 093 deg WeAs Pashto Deewa Radio ex 11590
1400-1500 17870 IRA 250 kW / 299 deg WeAs Kurdish, ex 15525
1500-1600 13690 UDO 250 kW / 300 deg WeAs Pashto Deewa Radio ex 11590
1700-1800 7365 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg WeAs Kurdish, ex 15130 WER
1800-1830 13630 IRA 250 kW / 255 deg CSAf Portuguese Mo-Fr ex 17530 GB
1900-2100 9490 UDO 250 kW / 038 deg EaAs Korean, ex 6060
2130-2200 12005 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg WeAf Bambara Mo-Fr, ex 15255 ASC

Radio Liberty
0500-0700 17780 KWT 250 kW / 035 deg CeRu Russian, ex 17810
1900-2000 7475 UDO 250 kW / 335 deg EaEu Russian, ex 5920 BIB

Radio Free Asia
0200-0300 21520 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 17620
0200-0300 21530 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 17620
0200-0300 21540 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Fri, ex 17620
0200-0300 21550 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Sat, ex 17620
0200-0300 21560 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Sun, ex 17620
0200-0300 21570 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Mon, ex 17620
0200-0300 21580 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 17620
1400-1500 9720 TIN 250 kW / 270 deg SEAs Vietnamese, ex 9715
1500-1600 11870 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan, ex 11835
1500-1700 5830 TIN 250 kW / 325 deg EaAs Korean, ex 5820
2330-2400 13730 TIN 250 kW / 280 deg SEAs Vietnamese, ex 13570 (DX RE
MIX NEWS #776 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Apr 16 2013 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 7575, April 16 at 1227, VOA 18 degrees from THAILAND, also USward with good signal, `Crossroads Asia` concluding with news that the first and second place winners of their photo contest are both from Bangladesh. These and 16 others are here: http://www.voanews.com/content/voa-photo-contest-winners/1642170.html A slide show I highly recommend. 1230 on to `International Edition` about topic-B (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1664 monitoring: ready in time for first airing on WRMI, UT Thursday April 11 at 0330: confirmed on webcast, but only wall-of-noise jamming on 9955; tnx a lot, Arnie! Can you imagine anyone but him condoning, even facilitating blockage of a fellow DX program? BTW, at 0504 there is no jamming against Brother Scare, altho there often is at other times.

Further much better WOR chances: Thursday 2100 on WTWW-1 9479; UT Friday 0330v (often a bit early), on WWRB 3195 (and we hope Dave will bring back 5050 as a less noisy frequency); UT Saturday 0130v (usually later) on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB; Saturday 1500 on WRMI 9955; Saturday 1730 on WRN via SiriusXM 120 (penultimate, as the satellite service is dropping WRN as of April 25!); Saturday 2330v on WTWW-2 9930; UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW-1 5830; Sunday 2315v on WTWW-2 9930.

The Hamburger Lokalradio airings on 7265-CUSB scheduled 0630 & 1430 UT Saturdays and Wednesdays have been missing again, says Ivo Ivanov. Please let us know if you hear HLR back on the air with WOR or anything else (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, You forwarded the item from Ivo Ivanow regarding Hamburger Lokalradio on 7265 kHz, saying it was "missing again". However, I can report reception of HLR at my location in Leipzig on Wed, 10 / April / 2013, with WOR at 1430 UT with Sinpo 55444. As far as I know the transmitter was off due to maintenance on Sat, 7 / April / 2013. Best, (Thomas Vˆlkner, April 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Here's a feedback from Christer Brunstˆm (Sweden) to last Saturday's airing of WOR via Hamburger Lokalradio (1430 UT). Allbest, (Thomas Vˆlkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Betreff: Hˆrerbericht
Datum: Sat, 13 Apr 2013 19:58:42 +0200
Von: Christer Brunstrom

An: redaktion@hamburger-lokalradio.de

Hallo! Am 13. April 2013 hˆrte ich die Sendung auf Kurzwelle 7265 kHz um 16.00 MEZ mit SINPO 35444. Programmdetails:

1600 "New letters on the Air" - Interview mit einer Schriftstellerin
1630 "World of Radio"

Ich fand diese zwei Sendungen sehr interessant und besonders die Sendung World of Radio hatte sehr viele gute Informationen f¸r mich. Gruss! Christer Brunstrˆm (via Vˆklner, DXLD)

WORLD OF RADIO 1664 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW-1 9479, Thursday April 11 at 2100+. Also confirmed on WWRB 3195 (but not 5050), UT Friday April 12 at 0330 after non-pipe organ music fill. Next: UT Saturday 0130v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB; Saturday 0630 & 1430 on HLR 7265-CUSB (Thomas Vˆlkner confirms this was back on the air Wednesday April 10); Saturday 1500 on WRMI 9955; Saturday 1730 on WRN via SiriusXM 120, penultimately; Saturday 2330v on WTWW-2 9930; UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW-1 5830; Sunday 2315v on WTWW-2 9930.

WORLD OF RADIO 1664 monitoring: confirmed on webcast from Area 51, UT Saturday April 13 starting promptly at 0130, presumed also on 5110v-CUSB via WBCQ. Next: Saturday 1730 on WRN via SiriusXM 120 (to be deleted after one more week); Saturday 2330v on WTWW-2 9930, UT Sunday 0400 on WTWW-1 5830, Sunday 2315v on WTWW-2 9930.

WORLD OF RADIO 1664 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW-2, 9930, Saturday April 13 starting at 2332 after some deadair during which there was some very weak Spanish bleed, suspected from WTWW-3 12105 altho did not have time to match it for sure. Rechecked at 0001, too late, 9930 is already off the air, so was the tail of WOR cut off? 5085 is already on, with QSY announcement *to* 5085, which should have played before the frequency axually changed. Then old `QSO` show from Dayton Hamvention 2012y. WOR also confirmed on WTWW-1, 5830, UT Sunday April 14 after 0400. Expect another play circa 2315 Sunday on 9930.

WORLD OF RADIO 1664 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW-2, 9930, Sunday April 14 starting at 2327.5, which would get its 29 minutes on intact before 2358* on this frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, (We met once long ago at a shortwave conference at the University of California, Irvine, in the summer of 1980?, and I subscribed for many years to your informative magazines.) It used to be possible to subscribe to your World of Radio podcasts via the Itunes store, but that seems to have stopped. Is there a new URL, or are they no longer available through that process?

Thank you for all the amazing work you have done to enhance and promote shortwave listening (Ray Schroff, Port Townsend, WA, April 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ray, Good to hear from you and tnx for the kind words. I don`t know anything about itunes; never use it myself, and did not set it up. RSS available via WRN:
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/#world-of-radio
(Glenn to Ray, via DXLD)

** U S A. 5085, April 12 at 0057, WTWW-2 is on with music, in keeping with expanded airtime but exact schedule unknown and/or flexible. Presumably also on 9930 for a while before 0000.

5085, UT Saturday April 13 at 0059, WTWW-2 is on again with music, but off at next check 0109.

9930, Tuesday April 16 at 1858, WTWW-2 is on with a Ted Randall `QSO` show, ham discussion about the ISS; keeps playing at 1900 as a canned ID also by Ted overrides it. Maybe he will slot in some World of Radio playbacks too in the expanded flexible schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9330, April 17 at 1223, WBCQ with open carrier/dead air, having lost Good Friends Radio Network. First time I have noticed this in quite a while now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 21440.5 approx., April 12 at 2108, an AM ham catches my attention as nothing AM is audible above 21450: and soon recognized inimitable voice of The TimTron, i.e. the WBCQ guy, who also does a lot of AM hamming on 80 meters. And who else would utter ``microphonium``? Discussing some technical issue with another weaker AM ham, circa 21439? No belches heard, however.

Finally ID as WA1HLR, a.k.a. per ARRL/FCC lookup: Smith, Timothy M, WA1HLR, in Skowhegan, ME 04976 --- that`s nowhere near Monticello, but west of Bangor, north of Waterville. I assume he also operates from the WBCQ site when there; and could even use broadcast antennas with much more gain than your typical ham setup (there seems to be no limitation on doing this, just so your ham transmitter power is not above the maximium). (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11635, Saturday April 13 at 0531, gospel huxter in English, fair signal. Nothing here usually, so I bet it`s a weekend-only WHRI broadcast, or even Saturday-only. Yes, registered as available daily except Fridays 0400-0700, 250 kW, 47 degrees to CIRAF 39 = from Turkey to Yemen (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mystery Religious Station - 4930 kHz === Glenn, Been hearing a religious station on 4930 kHz for last couple weeks, various nights, during the 0200-0300* time slot. Usually pretty weak and regular deep fade cycle, but when peaking, not too bad. Able to determine one night at s/off that announcement was for World Harvest Radio and a specific frequency announcement that I couldn't copy. Nothing in the WHRI site about this.

Signed off before VOA Botswana xmtr signed on, and certainly sounded like very different xmtrs (one initial guess was that WHRI might have been renting time from the Botswana xmtr site, but that seems unlikely). Anyone else hearing this? (Ralph Perry, April 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ralph, Before I read your details, I figured it would be WTWW, which puts a 2 x 450 kHz image on 4930 from 5830 on certain receivers. But it would not be going off at 0300. Looking over the WHRI frequencies, I think this must be it: a sub-harmonic of 9860, which is exactly 2 x 4930, and registered until 0300. These are quite unusual compared to other spurs like differences and leapfrogs. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** U S A. I don't know how much you know of the KVOH history, but it was originally set up in 1987 by Dr. George Otis. It was part of the "High Adventure" network, which had transmitters in Southern Lebanon and Palau, Micronesia. In 2002, George fell ill and was no longer able to lead his ministry. It was decided to break up the various stations. The Palau facility, which at the time had two 100 kW transmitters, was

sold to LeSea Broadcasting, and is now part of the World Harvest Radio network. The Lebanon facility was moved into Israel proper, and continues to this day as the Voice of Jerusalem.

The Los Angeles facility was sold to a local Hispanic pastor, who used just the 31 metre frequency and rebranded it (in Spanish) as the Voice of the Resurrection. He was targeting an audience in Central and South America, and ran it for about 8 years. However, he finally ran out of resources to continue the operation and the transmitter fell silent for a couple of years. Last fall, the pastor approached the people who had previously been working with George Otis, and offered to transfer the station back to them, if they would continue with George's original vision.

So now, about six months later, the FCC licenses for the two original frequencies (9975 & 17775 kHz) have been renewed and are in good standing, the enormous log periodic antenna has been inspected and certified, funding is in place, and the transmitter building has been cleaned out and reorganized. Some maintenance work on signage, antenna field fencing, etc. is currently being carried out. The transmitter itself has been tested, but troubleshooting remains to be done to eliminate spurs. Some of the large tubes will probably also be reconditioned before regular transmissions commence. A small studio is under construction at the transmitter site, and the goal is to start by producing around 4-6 hours daily of English language programming. Some of that time will be paid programming (pre-recorded), but a substantial amount will be live from the onsite studio, possibly with sponsorship.

There is no set target date for commencing transmissions yet, but you are likely to start hearing tests within the next couple of months. In time Spanish language programming will be added, and eventually we expect there to be more hours in Spanish than in English. We are trying to source a 100 kW solid state transmitter that will be more energy efficient than the current RCA Ampliphase, and that will also permit DRM. More news as events unfold (Ray Robinson, Los Angeles, April 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1665, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Welcome to Ray, who just joined the DXLD yg. The only frequency used for the last years was 17775, not 9975. Also, it was called La Voz de la RestauraciÛn, which I guess is slightly different from Resurrection (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** U S A. 5050-AM, April 14 at 0057, WWRB extra frequency is on again this Saturday nite with preacher; 0109 now it`s big band music fill, and // 3195 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7506.40, WRNO, 0233, April 17. ìMaranatha Radioî program

with Pastor Ray Bentley talking about importance of SW radio and asked for $12/month; website http://www.maranatharadio.com/stations ; DW news; fair to good.

https://www.box.com/s/16lbqwt5s3fjyr4ed1pi
contains a recording (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15610, April 11 at 2047, absolutely no signal from WEWN. While it is at the awkward distance of one megameter, so sometimes it inbooms, but usually weak mostly skipping over, there should at least be a trace of backscatter if on the air at all. 15825 WWCR at similar distance is audible. BTW, those attending the NASB meeting in May hosted by WEWN should press them to fix their transmitters, get rid of all those spurs and squeals!! Or at least kick the senders if they get a chance on the tour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 690, April 11 at 0539 UT, open carrier/dead air yet again after local midnite from KGGF KS, vs. IBOC 687 from WLW-700, and weak understation probably KTSM. Anyhow it`s good for any Coffeyvillans trying to DX something else on 690, like I can do normally for only 5 minutes on 960. Whenever I tune by 690 around sunrise, KGGF is modulating; would be interesting to discover at what time it come back to life, and do they perform a sign-on or sign-off which would reveal it`s intentional to go silent overnight, merely neglecting to turn off the carrier? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, April 16 at 1214 UT, going from Beatles` ``Wanna Hold Your Haa`aa`aa`nd`` to DJ ID as ``Seven-seven``, to Dolly Parton; loops NNW/SSE, and at 1222 ad with a 972-area code, i.e. Dallas, so surely KAAM, COL Garland, address in Irving, and NRC AM Log says ``Legends 77``, but all I heard twice as a non-ID was ``seven-seven`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 870, April 13 at 0546 UT, with WWL nulled, weak Vietnamese talk still here, i.e. cheating daytimer KFJZ Fort Worth TX, making SAH of about 200/minute = three and a third Hz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 900, April 16 at 1210 UT, ad for Northern Arkansas Regional Medical Center, on ``AM 900 KHOZ`` and another Harrison ad, its town (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 930, April 11 at 0532 UT, without really trying as I am bandscanning, here`s English with WKY Spanish easily nulled. Yes, yet again it`s WTAD Quincy IL, which must still be on ND day pattern instead of nulling toward OK; during break in C2C, with local ads, 613 AC, something ``courtesy of star radio``, Quincy weather: rain,

41/49/32 lo/hi/lo; ``Talkradio 930, WTAD`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 930, April 16 at 1209 UT, with WKY nulled, sounds like ``KWST Morning Edition``, mentions Cape Girardeau. It`s really KWOC Poplar Bluff MO. Detailed program schedule
http://kwoc2.mrrinteractive.com/talk-radio-programs/
confirms title ``KWOC Morning Edition`` at 6-8 am CDT containing numerous capsules including far-right huxters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KKIN-930 in Minnesota on day power --- In throughout the evening with satellite nostalgia music, "Adult Standards 930 AM, KKIN" IDs, and occasional weather forecasts. Strong at times, completely overtaking usual pest WKY in Oklahoma City. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, 0311 UT April 16, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

I`ll certainly have to watch out for that one: Aitkin MN, 2.5/0.36 kW U1, in center of state near Brainerd, midway between Fergus Falls and Esko (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 960, April 12 at 0501 UT, instead of ABC news, the understation during KGWA Fox-hole of hummy dead air is carrying a silly ballgame, presumably base; so I have to suspend my distaste and try to ID it: players named Andy Ch·vez, Ross, GutiÈrrez, Bzrzensky (sp?), then mentions Mariners in passing, i.e. Seattle, which explains why the game is still running past midnight Central. But surely I am getting a closer opponent`s network, likely the Rangers of Texas.

Of course I figured it was KGKL, San Angelo, as I have been hearing it normally sportless, and confirmed here as on that team`s net:
http://mlb.mlb.com/tex/download/y2013/radio_network.pdf
This info is provided solely for the purpose of DX identification, and does not constitute an endorsement by gh of SBGs being broadcast.

BTW, ABC news could be heard weakly under, and that would be KMA, which has been eclipsed lately by KGKL running ND at night. With KGWA precisely nulled as much as possible, a fast SAH is also in play, not sure between which of the three stations.

Game must have been over by 0559, when just before 0600 in a KGWA-pause, I again hear the KGKL ``Concho Valley`` ID. KGWA Enid is carrying the Business Talk Radio Network overnight, ending the Gabe Wisdom hour now, and their disclaimer runs until a few sex before 0600, leaving no time for a KGWA ID of its own before Fox ``news`` on the hour. Fine with me (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

By the way, I was at the Mariners-Rangers game you heard on KGKL last

Thursday night, freezing my ass off -- early season ball games can be brutal up here. Andy Chavez is Endy Chavez, a very good outfielder the M's had just brought up from their AAA farm team in Tacoma; this is his second tour with the team. Regards, (Chuck Albertson, WA, April 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

960, April 14 at 0500 UT in KGWA Fox-hole of dead air, ABC news is easily readable, much stronger than it had been from KMA Iowa; now it`s no doubt KGKL San Angelo TX, which is getting to be a nuisance on its day facilities: not much chance of XEK, XEFAMA or the other Mexicans making it now.

960, April 15 at 0500 UT in KGWA Fox-hole, dominant ABC news, no doubt KGKL San Angelo TX, and underneath that, ``Let It Be`` instrumental music, then something bluesy, presumed WABG Greenwood MS. Both may well be on day instead of night facilities (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 960, April 16 at 0501 UT during KGWA Fox-hole of dead air, ABC News as usual mainly heard, from KGKL San Angelo TX, but by 0503 some other English news is mixing in, with an ID in passing after 0504 as WSBT --- that`s Sound Bend IN, so rack up another one logged under my local. 5/5 kW U4 which means direxional day & nite with different patterns. Fortunate propagation, or out of whack like KGKL? I also had a possible log of WSBT with Fox News last October 15.

Ha, FCC nite map of WSBT
http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/305736-3933.pdf
shows huge lobe just west of due north, and tiny, tiny lobes in all other direxions.
Day pattern has similar lobe to north, but equally to the S, pulled in toward Enid but not a deep null:
http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/305736-3932.pdf
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1060, April 12 at 0611 UT, alabanzas and then jingle in Spanish as ``I-J-N``, i.e. KIJN Farwell TX on the NM border, 10 kW daytimer blatantly cheating as always; but God is obviously on their side, or at least In-Jesus`-Name (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1160, April 14 at 1208 UT, banda music from SSW or is it NNE? Anyway in KSL null making slow SAH with it, but suffering from KFAQ IBOC circa 1157, so side-tuning upward helps. 1211 fading, and by 1221, the non-KSL filler instead is R. Disney = KRDY San Antonio TX. I already figured out what the SS on 1160 is in my August 27, 2011 log preserved among:
http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?6543-MW-DX-from-Enid-OK-by-Glenn-Hauser

i.e. KCTO Cleveland MO = Kansas City market (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Station changes:
1260 KBSZ Apache Junction, AZ new: ìFunny 97.3î
1260 KBSZ old slogan: ìArizona News/Talk 1260 AM & 96.1 FMî
1260 KBSZ Apache Junction, AZ was talk, now comedy 24/7
(IRCA DX Monitor April 13 via DXLD)

** U S A. 1290, April 15 at 1225 UT, Baxter Black cowboy humor, 1228 Wichita Falls ad including Parker Square, then headlines from [KWFS] newstalk1290.com along with newson6 [KAUZ-TV]. 3 Hz SAH with:

1290, April 15 at 1227 UT, YL mentions ``Mighty 12-90`` which is KOIL, Omaha NE (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1330, KCKM: received an unsolicited e-mail verie April 12:

``Glenn, I noticed in your DX log that you received KCKM in early April, just minutes before we dropped power. Our recent upgrade to 12,000 watts non-directional day combined with our 1/2 wave tower has made KCKM a great catch in the final minutes of daytime power. Congratulations! Attached is our coverage map.

And one more thing, we will be switching to C-QUAM AM Stereo on 1330 kHz by the end of the year. A lot of my contemporaries think I'm insane and that's OK. It's about time other AM broadcasters revisit AM Stereo.

Bob Souza, Managing Partner
KCKM 1330 - 12,000 Watts
PO Box 990 - 1200 S Stockton
Monahans, TX 79756
Ofc: 432 943-2588 Fax: 432 943-4540
http://www.kckm1330.com
KCKMlogo``

The map shows a circle with daytime primary coverage as far as Lamesa [whatever happened to the seventh harmonic of their NDB on 120m?], secondary coverage beyond Brownfield but not quite to Lubbock, and also out westward to Artesia and Guadalupe Mountains NP. I replied:

``Bob, Great to hear from you. It`s always nice to get an unsolicited verification (very rarely). Do you have a QSL card? If so I could send you another report directly. I often hear KCKM around sunrise, overcoming Wichita. Actually, the log you must have seen was at 1252 UT = 7:52 am CDT, so after you went to day power at 7:30 am, I believe. I don`t listen much in the evenings. Glad to hear of your AM

stereo plans. Regards, Glenn Hauser, Enid`` --- And Bob Souza replies:

``Glen[n], I'm always getting confused when trying to convert UTC to local time. Yes, we would have been 12,000 watts at the time of your reception.

Unfortunately, we do not have QSL cards. In recent times, many of the 50,000 watt stations have eliminated that practice too. When I was at 940 kHz in Fresno, CA, we sent verification letters. Mostly to New Zealand, Australia & Japan.

I bought this place 6 years ago. It was licensed for 5000 watts but was running 2200 watts. It was off-the-air and about to surrender the license to the FCC. What a mess! But, I could see the potential.

Two years ago, I discovered KOYL in Odessa was gone for good. They were at 1310 kHz. That allowed me to upgrade to 12,000 watts. Sadly, a lot of stand-alone AM's in smaller communities are gone.

It cost a lot to rebuild this facility. It was a labor of love as I'm not sure I'll be able to recover this investment.

If you belong to any DX clubs, I'd be happy to run 12,000 watts after midnight if they're interested.``

1330, April 13 at 0056 UT, KCKM Monahans TX is also audible in the evening just before sunset here, ``Classic Country music *all* the time``, ``West Texas powerhouse``. In April, 12 kW ND day power is authorized until 0115 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1360, April 16 at 1159 UT, ``go to KPSQ1360.com`` ? -- must really be KPXQ, Glendale AZ, 50/1 kW U2, PSRA 0.5. Should be on nite power now, and certainly weak enough, briefly atop (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1470, April 11 at 1217 UT, Bill Bennett himself delivering a commercial in his `Morning in America` show. Website is user-unfriendly forcing you to find a station by entering `your` zip code. Suspect often-heard KYYW Abilene TX, so try its zip, 79605, but that brings up a different station there, KSLI 1280. NRC AM Log however shows its format is C&W, while KYYW is news-talk. So go to the KYYW website itself http://1470kyyw.com/shows/ --- bingo, MIA is on there at 7-8 am CDT, tho Bill doesn`t know it (there`s a lot of stuff he doesn`t know but thinx he does) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. QSL: KCJJ Iowa City, IA, 1630, 1 kW night power, no data email from Tom Suter, General Manager, confirming my report "is

accurate in all respects" in 123 days for English first-class report, US $1.00, and audio CD of transmission, plus email follow-up to Mr. Suter's email (openly posted on KCJJ website). Verification comes 1 day after email follow-up.

Good DX to all, and may your mailbox be ever full of QSLs! 73 (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Microtelecom Perseus / Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop, April 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1650, April 13 at 0056 UT looking for KYHN, but instead ``goooooooooaal``, Spanish sports, so must be KSVE El Paso TX (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Jerry Goodell, new MARE member from Southgate passes along this tip:

Ch 6 (analog) WLFM-LP OH Cleveland with very low power video and most of its power in the FM audio carrier operating on 87.650 [sic: should be 87.75 --- gh] MHz. This station is licenced as a television station but its format is of an FM radio station. Broadcast power is 3000 watts ERP with an antenna height of 195 meters. This station is best heard on an FM radio tuned to 87.7 MHz. The station is 50 KHz off frequency for the receiver but is received well during good tropo openings.

Larry Russell has seen this from Flint last September and he even saw the video. (See TipSheet #694) And I've noted several of these types of stations in my travels about the country of late. Several OTHER channel 6 stations 'licensed' as TV but expecting that 99.9% of their audience will be on radio. In Brooklyn NY there is an ethnic station that does this, (see below) and in Chicago there is a station that has a 'traffic map' video and plays jazz music, (see TipSheet #644) and I would wager there are others in larger cities around the country as well.

If you hear one of these don't ASSUME anything, but of course you SHOULD report it! The FCC will be phasing out these stations in a couple of years, so these may not be around long, so be sure to pay attention to channel 6 and REPORT what you see/hear to the MARE TipSheet! (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MARE Tipsheet April 12 via DXLD)

TV: (Analog), Channel 6 audio only, but that in very strong, with 'subcontinental music and Hindi talk -- no obvious IDs and nothing 'legal' listed in the FCC database, so it is likely this is a pirate, but perhaps not.... anyone have any ideas? VFA was x55 so it was probably close to the Williamsburg area; Pointe Plaza Hotel in the middle of the Hassidic neighborhood bordering on Williamsburg area of Brooklyn [NY] -- a nice hotel that I would recommend if you need

reasonable accommodation in the area -- complete with kosher breakfasts!) (Kenneth Vito Zichi, MARE Tipsheet April 12 via DXLD)

** U S A. KCRW drops LE SHOW
http://harryshearer.com/a-special-message-regarding-le-show/
(via A. Burnette, April 17, DXLD) Viz.:

harrypic 16.04.13

Special Message Regarding Le Show

Some relationships endure; some end. Iíve just finished celebrating the 20th anniversary of my wedding to Judith Owen. Weíre staying together.

On the other hand, Le Show is leaving KCRW Radio. Not of my volition.

On Monday, April 15, I had an Income Tax Day to remember. I was invited to hear a ìproposalî from the general manager of KCRW. The proposal was, in fact, a notice of a fait accompli. Le Show was being cancelled from the airwavesñsomething I had suspected might be the nature of the proposal, but the surprise was the timing: ìeffective immediatelyî. Thus does public radio, in one more small way, come to resemble ever more closely commercial radioís way of doing business.

In fairness, KCRW gave me a weekly hour for nearly 30 years, and our deal was simple: they got my program for free, and they left me completely alone. That deal is over.

Le Show will continue to air on the many wonderful affiliated radio stations around the country, and on our outlets overseas. It will continue as a podcast, as well. And Iím in the process of seeking an alternative broadcast outlet in Los Angeles.

Iím not saying I havenít thought about ending the series. I think about it every week as I contemplate another Saturday with no idea yet of what Iíll do on Sunday. But, nearly halfway through the 30th year of the broadcast, I know thereís much more to say, and, sadly, much more information that isnít being shared with the audience anywhere else on the dial.

Le Show was not the only victim of managementís ax last weekend. But Tom Schnabel, the architect of the stationís longtime ìeclecticî music format, was allowed to say goodbye on air. I was not, because, management said, I have ìa national platformî. I guess this is it.

This, or my nightly show onÖ.Sorry, I went dreamy for a minute there.

If any of this pisses you off, aside from my staying married to Judith, you might want to let KCRW know. If you couldnít care less, congratulations on your equanimity.

This may, for a while, affect the Le Show archives. So listen while you can. Thanks for listening to Le Show. -Harry (via DXLD)

** U S A. WEEK OF APRIL 08, 2013
STUDENT-RUN RADIO STATION AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH
RETURNS TO THE FM AIRWAVES AFTER A 30-YEAR ABSENCE

Cal State Long Beach's (CSULB) student-run radio station K-BEACH recently rode a digital side channel to return to the FM radio airwaves after a 30-year hiatus.

The student station had been an Internet-only operation until it was given the opportunity to hitch a ride on the university`s broadcast outlet on 88.1 HD-3 funded by a 2011 grant of $40,000 from Associated Students Inc.

For many years, CSULB's jazz station KKJZ-FM, also known as KJazz, was the only voice of the university, serving the heart of the Southern California radio audience with a Class B 88.1 MHz signal, but K-BEACH has something new to add. The Internet version of K-BEACH and the HD-3 station are separate operations featuring different programming . . .
http://urd.csulb.edu/news-events/story.cfm?hackid=1983
(via Blaine Thompson, IN, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. What's new at Marfa Public Radio? Last week, our story on the new international port of entry in Big Bend National Park was highlighted nationally on NPR News.

Last night, we were included in a 60 Minutes episode about the people of Marfa. It was a thrill to see local residents talk to veteran newsman Morely [sic] Safer. Following the program, we held a community roundtable, gathering reactions from people across town, with callers from across the country.

Earlier this month we added a new radio frequency in Alpine at 91.7 FM, providing listeners with a choice, in addition to 93.5 FM. We've gotten a great response so far.

We invite you to tune in to Marfa Public Radio and take a moment - like Morely Safer did - to become a member of Marfa Public Radio. Sincerely, (Tom Michael, General Manager, KRTS 93.5 FM, April 15, MPR mailing list via DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. Hi Glenn, I received the following e-mail regarding

Vatican Radio's broadcast to LatAm nightly at 0200 UT on 7305 kHz, which I share with you and WOR listeners. I have been hearing Spanish at 0200 sign-on and French at 0230, but as of this date have not yet heard any English segments. I will monitor further. 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Dear Mr Insinger, Thank you for the kind message and report.

In monitoring our Spanish at 0200-0242 UT you should find a weird program: it could be composed by Spanish till 0230 then in French till the end (AOR 2) or by English, Armenian and Russian (AOR 1).

Let me explain what is going on: Vatican Radio has to make available the Spanish program at 0200-0245 UT on the satellite AOR channel 1 but this program is not contemporary to our ordinary schedule, Spanish at 0100 and 0145 UT, and we have to rearrange the play out system to play this Spanish deferred. It is our fault that so far we are not in the position to do it; on the AOR 1 is still present the ordinary schedule. The IBB colleagues, who get the satellite, switched to AOR 2 because at least some Spanish is present.

I hope I made myself understood in telling what is going on. I kindly ask you to let me know what is currently broadcast on 7305 kHz. Best regards. Sergio Salvatori, Vatican Radio, Frequency Management (via Ed Insinger, DXLD)

** VATICAN. 11650, April 16 at 0541, R. Dabanga, frequent sung IDs, with het on lo side, jamming? Zacharias Liangas had also heard this on 12160, but not audible here. Mauno Ritola suggested that could be a leapfrog mixing product over another Vatican transmitter on 11905, and Wolfgang B¸schel agrees, additional 255 kHz higher over VOA Kurdish relay at 05-06, and another one could appear on 11395. I could hear something on 11905, but just CODAR sweeping across 12160 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIRGIN ISLANDS US. 8137-USB, St. Thomas 1142 Motor Sailing Vessel with weather request 5 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR [non log]. 6015, ZBC Radio. Checking three different times during the past week have not found them broadcasting around their normal 0300 sign on time (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, April 17, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. Zimbabwean radio director in court today, charged with possession of shortwave radios [does not match content of this:]

WHEN RADIOS BECOME WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
http://t.co/bHRgbYcGJD

Posted by: Sean Ndlovu March 8, 2013 in Features, News
http://www.radiodialogue.com/when-radios-become-weapons-of-mass-destruction/

While radios play a very important role in many societies especially the third world, Zimbabwean police have declared war on solar powered radios. In many African countries Zimbabwe included radio is the most important medium of communication and communities rely on it to keep themselves informed on news, local and international events. Low literacy levels and poor newspaper circulation makes dependence on newspapers negligible. The cost of a television set is beyond the reach of the majority, as many people live on less than a US$1 a day. Poor infrastructure is also another reason why people depend on solar powered radios as most rural areas have not been electrified.

On the 19th of February 2013, police spokesperson Assistant Commissioner Charity Charamba told a news conference in Harare that possession and distribution of solar powered Short wave radios was illegal. She accused some opposition parties of distributing the ëillegal devicesí to unsuspecting members of the public with the intention ìto sow seeds of disharmony within the country especially now that the country is about to embark on the referendum and harmonised elections.î What followed was a series of raids on civic society organisations (via Zacharias Liangas, April 17, DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 12105, 14/Apr 1623, MADAGASCAR (Relay), R Dialogue in Shona/Ndebele. OM talk over instrumental music. At 1625 African pop music. At 1630 ID by YL. 35433 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west; Escutas (listening, my blog): http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006 dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1120, April 17 at 0510 UT, Mexican music causing heavy QRM to KMOX, and can`t really null it to be sure it`s KEOR cheating again. Makes SAH of 280/minute = 4 and two thirds Hz. 0515 fading out before I can decide if the music is praiseworthy (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1160, April 15 at 1234 UT, Spanish with phone number 773- something. Figured it was KCTO Kansas City MO again until checked area codes and 773 is a Chicago overlay, where there is WYLL --- it`s Christian talk, but all in English apparently per program schedule including at 7:30 am, `Truth for Life`. So which was it, KCTO with a coincidental number? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1470, April 13 at 0458, choral XE NA, but hard to DF amid the QRM; over at 0500 announcement, probably somestation`s full ID, but now lost to Fox `news` from else (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1520, April 13 at 0555, KOKC OKC can`t be nulled completely, but Mexican music station is QRMing considerably, making fast rippling SAH; unfortunately dozed thru hourtop, but still going at 0623 before I QRT completely. Any of the six Mexicans listed in Cant˙ would be welcome, tho two are supposedly daytimers, and none more than 2 kW.

How about a US station? For SS on 1520, NRC AM Log has nothing closer than a daytimer in California, and a fulltimer in Oregon, KGDD Oregon City, ``La Gran D``, 50/15 kW U3, which means same direxional day & nite --- i.e. an almost circular cardioid with deep null toward OKC, throwing ``all`` the power out into the Pacific. So is KGDD out of whack, anyone else hearing it eastward?

1520, April 14 at 0531 UT, Mexican music station is tearing up KOKC and making fast SAH. Can`t see how it could be faraway KGGD Oregon City even if they have lost direxionality and running 50 kW, so either a Mexican or format change and probable cheating from some closer US station. Hoped for some announcement or ID, but just music as long as I listened until KOKC regained.

1520, April 17 at 0520 UT, mysterious Mexican music is also QRMing KOKC with fast SAH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1570, April 12 at 0620 UT, gospel huxter explaining Matthew in English, is holding his own vs XERF, maybe in a fade and nullable, then resurging by 0625. The only 1570 around here running decent night power is indeed religious, Bott`s 3-kW KBCV Hollister MO (Springfield), night pattern supposedly NW/SE protecting AcuÒa, but we are not right in its null (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4775-USB, April 13 at 0112, presumed MARS net discussing problems with RMS Express, whatever that is. So much for SWBC from Per˙ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4800, 2340-0000 Discussion in Spanish, ssb difficult to tune 7 April (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D, Icom 746Pro, Drake R7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6025, Xizang PBS found missing yesterday, April 11. Instead came across two UNID carriers, one fading in at 1549, still there 1608 which I suspect may have been TWR Manzini listed to 1625

s/off. The other one on 6024.96 at 2218 improving to 2308 tune-out was possibly R Patria Nueva, La Paz? No definite audio in either case. Assuming XPBS is still off today can anyone pse check? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SWAZILAND. 6025.00, TWR Manzini, 1616, April 12, hints of audio, believe I could even hear their IS prior to 1626:24 carrier off. Shona scheduled here 1555 - 1625. Xizang PBS still missing, tnx to Mauno Ritola for confirmation (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Any idea who is on 7115 kHz at 0830 most mornings, pops in English, with language Russian (Michael Rae, UK, April 15, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Perhaps a mixing product. Look for a match on one or two frequencies above 7200. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glen[n]. I was on the 40mb today at that time 08.15 BST, had not been into ham radio for a few years so gave a call on 7145 lsb; back came a fellow ham and we spoke of this station, he said "Yes, it's been there for months. I look at IT on my scope" so I presume it's a pirate or a broadcast station. The ham also said "Someone messing about linked to the internet as programming is local in the USSR" so a re broadcast from a semi legal or not!!! can you hear this your side of the pond, how good is your what sounds like Russian. Mike BR-E (Michael Rae, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Subject: Testing of Radio Free Europe / Liberty (fwd)

Hello, Monday, April 15, 2013. Found today: Tests of Radio Free Europe (Radio Liberty) Location in Prague AM on 7115 kHz with high field strength. By about 0900 UT and off again at 0922. 73's DG8SC (H Ekkehard Gallus, 15 April, bandwacht list via Wolf, DK2OM, via Wolfgang B¸schel, DXLD)

Probably RL Biblis or Lampertheim maintenance / equipment test on 7115. My answer to IARU and DARC Bandwatch earlier today. 73 wb df5sx:

This is a typical "maintenance period" of the engineers for the station, antenna matrix switcher or feeder line / antenna repair, either at Biblis or Lampertheim Germany.

Since then the usual 24hrs/7d station ID loop runs from Prague headquarter. At the time 8-9 UT, there are 6 or 7 MHz without regular broadcasting. The short running time of 22 minutes which also indicated. Same morning maintenance on air checks often heard from Woofferton England also. Only the RFE/RL technician would have better use 7215 kHz or higher on 40 mb at the lower end of BC to ... 73

(Wolfgang df5sx B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15800, April 13 at 1401-1404+ open carrier, fair signal. Suspected a Firedrake transmitter, but not modulating if no Sound of Hope. Only HFCC also has EGYPT, 250 kW, 241 degrees from Abis in Arabic at 1300-1600, but no modulation at all to be distorted. EiBi and Aoki do not show Cairo on 15800, so may be wooden anyway (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1665:
Tnx Will Martin, St Louis, for a check to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

P.S. Keep up the awesome job your doing!! (Ron K.)

Happy birthday Glenn --- Have a great day Glenn, and thank you for faithfully and accurately compiling DXLD - the invaluable aid to all who love the big wide and wonderful world of radio. 73s (Mike Terry, dxldyg)

Happy Geburtstag

Hello Glenn, happy birthday to you, sincere congratulation on the occasion of your birthday. Hope you have a fine day, even on the restaurant? Hhhmmmmm delicious meals served there ... All best wishes to you, for the coming year, especially power, energy and good health condition, that you will always be able to fulfill your obligations also on our dxld ng and Radio Tirana frequency management. Good luck and best wishes to you and 73s de (Wolfgang df5sx B¸schel, DXLD)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & MANY MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY TO YOU Sir. Warm Greetings from Assam, India. Sincerely Yours, (Prithwiraj Purkayastha, Jorhat, Assam, India, DXLD)

Happy birthday Glenn! Many happy returns of the day! Wishing you a lot of listening pleasure (Sudipta Ghose, VU3TKG, DXLD)

Hello, GH!: Allow me to second my Birthday wishes to you. The Invaluable Information you provide is very accurate to the "MegaHauser"! May you continue to fulfill a lifetime of pure Radio Adventures in the years ahead. Again,Happy B'day, "Legendary Preveyor"! 73's from (Noble West, Owner/Founder of NSW Media in Sunny Vol Country, TN, for DXLD yg)
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Feliz cumpleaÒos Glenn --- Me uno a los te han felicitado por tu cumpleaÒos. Tu servicio noticioso, a lo largo de los aÒos, no tiene parangÛn. Gracias y mis parabienes (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, DXLD yg)

May there be many happy and healthy returns of this day, Glenn. Happy birthday! This also gives me the opportunity to say thanks for your huge contribution over the past decades. I raise my glass to you! (Philip Hiscock, Nfld., dxldyg)

Thanks Glenn for all you do for the hobby, and for your terrific presence. ef (Eric FlodÈn, Vancouver, DXLD)

Querido Glenn, °°°Un gran abrazo a la distancia (DX)!!! (Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, DXLD)

Happy birthday Glenn! (Dino Bloise, FL, DXLD)

Hippo, birdies, two ewes--
Hippo, birdies, two ewes!
--Hippo, birdie, deer ewe...
Hippo, birdies, two ewes!
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I will continue to be an impossible person so long as those who are now possible remain possible.
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(Clara Listensprechen, dxldyg)

Bon anniversaire, Glenn, d'un swl franÁais qui apprÈcie votre travail et votre passion. Continuez! Happy birthday Glenn from a French swl (Nicolas Delaunoy, dxldyg)

Dear Glenn, Greetings and a very very happy birthday to you. Wish you good health and great DX. 73s (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Darjeeling West Bengal, dxldyg)

I have been your fan for many, many years and wish you the very best as well as thank you for your huge contribution to radio. 73 de N5FDL (David Coursey, dxldyg)

Happy Birthday Glenn. I hope your day is a pleasant surprise. Good DX! Friendly Regards, (Mike Gilchrist, IA, DXLD)

Happy Birthday Glenn! Thanks for all you do to keep us informed! I have been a fan since the mid 80's. Hope to hear you for many more years to come! May good DX'ing be with you all of your days, (Ryan Ellegood - KG4ZDF, Union City, Tennessee USA, dxldyg)

Dear Glenn, I wish you a happy 68th birthday - and hope that many more birthdays will follow! 73s and good DXing (Ydun Ritz, DXLD)

Keep healthy to keep up your huge work...! (Ra˙l Saavedra, COSTA RICA, dxldyg)

Rather than plug up doldrums with congratulations, here's my own personal thank you for all you do for our hobby. May you continue for many more years. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, BC, DXLD)

Hello Glenn! Happy Birthday !!!! Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, DXLD)

Glenn, Wishing you happy returns. Enjoy your coming year and carry on with your campaigning on behalf of the DX community to keep decent stations on the air. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, DXLD)

Hello Mr Glenn, Congratulations and Happy Birthday for you. 73, akwet, jkt (Lim Kwet Hian, Jakarta, DXLD)

Happy Birthday Glenn, from one of your long time reader/listener/contributor of DX Listening Digest. Na ta ekatoskiseis! (Christos Rigas, Wood Dale, Illinois, DXLD)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 68, DEAR GLENN IN OKLAHOMA! GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN YOUR LONG LIFE. ALL THE BEST FROM SUNNY WARM TETOVA, MACEDONIA, @ SEEU UNIVERSITY (DRITA «I«O, DXLD)

Re: birthday

Friends, I am overwhelmed by all the greetings, kind words from so many of you, both on the group and privately. I thank you! (Glenn)

LANGUAGE LESSONS See also TIBET
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SAH?

I've been DX'ing (mostly MW) for a long time and a ham since 1969. I thoroughly enjoy everything you do for the hobby. However I haven't been able to figure out for sure what SAH is. It is sub audible heterodyne (flutter)? That's the only thing I can think of. 73 de WB6TNB (Dennis Gibson, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PUBLICATIONS
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RETRO RADIO DIAL IDAHO USA 1963

Radio Heritage Foundation http://www.radioheritage.com April 12 2013

A fascinating look back 50 years ago to 1963 and radio stations that could be heard from Idaho USA has just been released by the Radio Heritage Foundation at http://www.radioheritage.com

As well as a complete list of AM & FM stations along the dial, the new feature includes the name of the radio station owners of that era, nearly all of which were local corporations and individuals in the days before mergers and acquisitions led to big changes in what Idahoans could listen to.

Retro Radio Dial Idaho USA 1963-2013 is the second of a new series that will explore all 50 US states in the coming months, as well as other parts of the world.

The feature also includes the Top 20 music Hits of 1963, popular movies, arrivals and departures and other aspects of popular culture. The period was also important in wider US popular culture, and you'll find many good books about the era that add to the flavor of the AM & FM radio dial.

The Retro Radio Dial series also includes features exploring radio as early as 1928 in California, Japan and Shanghai in 1941, Hawaii USA in 1961 Texas USA in 1963 and many new titles are currently in preparation.

The Radio Heritage Foundation is an independent non-profit organization with no connections to the broadcasting industry or any government agency, and is supported by people worldwide who think it's important to protect radio memories for the future. Content at http://www.radioheritage.com is free.

Come along and visit the Idaho radio dial in 1963 with us. There's even a place for you to share your own radio memories of those times.

Radio Heritage Foundation
http://www.radioheritage.com
The Global Radio Memories Project
'where today's people connect with yesterdays radio'
(David Ricquish, RHF, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DX-PEDITIONS
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EASTER ISLAND AUDIO

Free access here - http://www.dxer.ca/paid-file-area/e-island

Enjoy - -- (Colin Newell is the Editor and creator of Coffeecrew.com - DXer.ca - BobHarris.com | Amateur Radio VA7WWV | Twitter.Com/CoffeeCrew | Victoria B.C. Canada, IRCA via DXLD)

``In March 2007, the late John Bryant went to Easter Island - one of the most sought after DX locations on the Planet. These are his remarkable recordings.``

--- many huge files. Colin was earlier implying that due to the cost of this bandwidth, financial support would be welcome (gh, DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV
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SINCLAIR BROADCASTING TV BUYING FRENZY

Sinclair Broadcasting is on verge of becoming a very big fish in the TV station ownership pool:
http://tinyurl.com/blo3wyj
(TVNewsCheck via Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, April 12, Tvfmdx mailing list via DXLD)

CATV SPECTRUM

For those of you in the CATV business. Is there any industry prohibition in using the spectrum that holds CATV channels 70 through 79? This is roughly 500 to 560 MHz. Here's why I ask:

I have an in-house analog CATV system that runs up to channel 59. We tried inserting a group of DTV signals on channels 70 through 76 and it created a real mess on the channels below about 250 MHz. Intermod like crazy and no filtering or bandpassing helped much to cure it. I am thinking this is some sort of product stew screwing everything up.

I also learned how critical DTV levels must be in relationship to your analog level shelf. The rule of thumb is that DTVs should be about 10 db below analogs. I am amazed how tight the window between DTV overload and DTV unlock can be.

I noticed that a Time Warner system avoided this spectrum - channels 70 to 79 - and maybe there was a good purpose for this?

This reminds me of the good old days where you avoided 97, 98, 99 and 14 and 15 to stay out of the way of aircraft bands - and maybe a little further up to avoid leakage into police frequencies.

Any input to this would be very appreciated. Remember: When we go digital everything will be so much easier (hi, hi) Thanks in advance (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, WTFDA via DXLD)

Here in Grimsby, ON - cable 70,73,74 are analog ... cable 71, 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 are used for digital. wrh (Bill Hepburn, ibid.)

I am not in the CATV business, but I played around my box a bit, and also negotiated licenses with cable providers. Most systems I am familiar with use 50-806 MHz. As Bill Hepburn points out, the analog channels end in the 70 area, and those remaining are digital, but not necessarily HD. The digital channels use compression to fit six (or more) standard definition channels into one 6 MHz wide channel. Just where they work the HD channels in, I am not sure.

You are right about channels 14 and 15 being previously avoided so that leakage would not impact aircraft operation. But channels 97-99 were actually in the FM broadcast band, and ingress from FM stations could mess up the video (Allan Dunn, K1UCY, ibid.)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ALGERIA; AUSTRALIA; INDIA; NIGERIA;
++++++++++++++++++++++++++ PORTUGAL; PUNTLAND; SPAIN; USA KVOH

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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Tecsun CR-1100: Big performer (a la Sony XDR, Sangean HDT)

Hey all, I know the title is a BOLD assertion for a radio you probably haven't heard of.

So I bought a Tecsun CR-1100 (Amazon - $50) to replace my Grundig S350 with a broken antenna, dead AM section, scratchy knobs, etc. I noticed it by the screen display pictured online to have the same chipset as the Grundig G8 - the high performance mini portable radio. So I figured it'd be a step up from the S350 for less that I paid for that radio several years ago. Win, win.

Not only is the above the case, but this radio is more significant because of its F connector for an external antenna. While not a traditional tuner or table radio that most would use in the home setup, it offers comparable performance and is very inexpensive. For a new DXer or anyone else sick of trying to find an affordable Sony tuner, this MIGHT be an option.

My NON-SCIENTIFIC comparison of the CR-1100 vs Sony XDR-F1HD and Sangean HDT-1X. Connected to the same FM-6 antenna at 25'

Sensitivity: Most difficult to quantify. They're all comparable, although the audio quality of the Sony and the way it handles very weak signals gives me the impression that it has an edge. The Tecsun and Sangean are indistinguishable, IMO.

Selectivity: If the Sony is a 10/10, the Tecsun is probably a 7.5, and the Sangean is a 6. My strongest local (10 miles, 100 kW) gives the Sony almost no issue, while the Tecsun, while still usable, has noticeable splatter on the adjacents. Nashville 50-100 kW locals (beaming toward them) at 20-40 miles are no factor for the Sony, and raise the noise floor only slightly on the Tecsun, with some "pops" when they hit peaks. The Sangean has major trouble with my 10 mile local, and has light but very noticeable splatter on all Nashville locals.

Front end/overload resistance: Hard for me to evaluate as my area is not RF dense. Sony and Tecsun have zero issues. Sangean has some minor imaging when pointed into the 10 mile 100 kW local.

It is digital and tunes in .1 MHz steps. I also forgot to mention, speaking of the tuner, that it can tune down to the 70 MHz area / Japanese FM band, in case that is useful to anyone. [should start at 76 MHz --- gh]

What I like most about the Tecsun:

1. Signal meter. Measured in 2 digit "db" units. So much better than the useless S-meters on the Sangean and Sony. Very nice to find nulls and peaks when aiming the antenna.

2. Interface. Very easy to use, with knobs for tuning, volume and audio tone.

3. Performance for the price. I paid $50 with free shipping on Amazon. Half the price of the Sony when it was new, 1/4th of what a new HDT-1x went for (don't know what it costs now).

What I don't like:

1. No RDS

2. Very dramatic "soft mute". Listening to a weak signal you have to crank the volume, which will blast you out if you scroll past a local. I imagine this would get annoying if using for Ms or Es with widely variable signals.

3. Cheap, lightweight feeling. The box it came in featured prominent

Chinese writing. No indication of whether it will last though; the Sony seemed great but I've had one go completely dead on me, and my remaining 2 both have minor problems.

4. Audio quality through the output jack is not great (although from the speaker it sounds very good).

In summary, I think that for the price, this is a radio to consider. Simply for its strong performance, price, and multi-functionality (still a good portable radio, alarm clock, and has a good AM section as its smaller Grundig/Tecsun counterparts). That being said, if you want a really, really good radio, the Sony XDR runs circles around everything else, in my opinion. I keep the Sangean around only for it's "HD off" mode and it's superb RDS. Cheers, (Bryce Foster - K4NBF, Murfreesboro, TN EM65, 10 April, WTFDA via DXLD)

Re.: SWL Call Signs

I also have one, VU2029SWL

http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10150426098519038&set=a.401894039037.176102.831214037&type=3&theater (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, WB, India, April 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION
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GEOMAGNETIC INDICES Compiled by: Phil Bytheway
Geomagnetic Summary March 1 2013 through March 31 2013
Tabulated from email status daily (K at 0000 UTC.)

	Flux	A	K	Space Wx
1	113	27	4	minor, G1
2	111	12	3	no storms
3	112	7	2	no storms
4	114	4	1	no storms
5	118	4	1	minor, R1
6	114	3	1	no storms
7	114	4	1	no storms
8	115	3	1	no storms
9	116	6	1	no storms
10	119	4	2	no storms
11	120	5	1	no storms
12	123	5	1	no storms
13	123	4	1	no storms
14	123	5	1	no storms
15	123	6	1	minor, R1

16 126 10 2 minor, S1
17 126 46 5 moderate, G2, S1
18 118 7 2 no storms
19 110 5 2 no storms
20 108 9 3 no storms
21 106 12 1 minor, R1
22 101 4 2 minor, R1
23 98 11 4 no storms
24 96 5 1 no storms
25 93 4 1 no storms
26 92 3 0 no storms
27 93 14 4 no storms
28 99 9 2 no storms
29 105 23 3 minor, G1
30 108 17 2 minor, G1
31 113 4 1 no storms
Sx ñ Solar Radiation Storm Level
Gx ñ Geomagnetic Storm Level
Rx ñ Radio Blackouts Level
(IRCA DX Monitor April 13 via DXLD)

Incoming Solar Storm

Space Weather News for April 11, 2013 http://spaceweather.com

INCOMING SOLAR STORM: A strong M6-class solar flare on April 11th has hurled a CME toward Earth. Geomagnetic storms and high-latitude auroras are possible when the fast-moving cloud reaches our planet on April 13th. Visit http://spaceweather.com for updates.

DON'T MISS THE STORM: Would you like a call when the geomagnetic storm is underway? Aurora and solar flare alerts are available from http://spaceweathertext.com (text) and http://spaceweatherphone.com (voice). (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 08 - 14 April 2013

Solar activity was at very low to high levels during the period. The period began at low levels that persisted until early on 11 April.

At 11/0716 UTC, solar activity reached high levels as Region 1719 (N11, L=077, class/area Eki/290 on 12 April) produced an M6/3b flare with Type II (estimated speed 1370 km/s) and Type IV radio sweeps, a Tenflare (470 sfu), and an associated asymmetric full halo coronal mass ejection (CME) with an estimated plane-of-sky speed of 1142 km/s. On 12 April, solar activity reached moderate levels as Region 1718 (N21, L=109, class/area Dkc/510) produced an M3 flare at 12/2038 UTC. Solar activity decreased to low levels on 13 April with a further decrease to very low levels on 14 April as the majority of the regions on the visible disk decreased in either area or complexity.

Greater than 10 MeV and greater than 100 MeV proton events were observed during the period associated with the 11 April M6/3b flare. The greater than 10 MeV proton event began at 11/1055 UTC, reached a peak flux of 114 pfu at 11/1645 UTC, and ended at 12/2210 UTC. The greater than 100 MeV proton event began at 11/0940 UTC, reached a peak flux of 2 pfu at 11/1400 UTC, and ended at 11/1955 UTC.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was normal to moderate levels through the period.

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels until late on 13 April when a geomagnetic shock was observed in ACE/SWEPAM data associated with the 11 April CME. At 13/2215 UTC, the total field (Bt) increased from 4 nT to 10 - 13 nT, while the solar wind speed increased from approximately 365 km/s to 480 km/s. An associated geomagnetic sudden impulse was observed in the Boulder magnetometer (29 nT) at 13/2255 UTC. This produced an unsettled period to end the UTC day on 13 April. By 14 April, the geomagnetic field continued to be under the influence of the 11 April CME. Total field was variable between 4 and 14 nT while the Bz component of the interplanetary magnetic field was mostly positive between 1 - 12 nT with brief southward deflections to a maximum of -7 nT. Solar wind speed reached a maximum of 558 km/s at 14/0443 UTC before slowly decreasing to end the period near 460 km/s. The geomagnetic field responded with quiet to unsettled conditions on 14 April with a brief period of active to minor storm conditions mid-day at high latitudes.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 15 APRIL - 11 MAY 2013

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels with a chance for an M-class flare from 15 April to 18 April when Regions 1718 and 1719 depart the visible disk. Very low to low levels are expected from 19 April to 28 April. From 29 April to 11 May, solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels with a chance for M-class flaring as Regions 1718 and 1719 return to the visible

disk.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate to high levels on 16 - 18 April due to CME effects. Moderate to high levels are expected again on 25 April - 02 May due to coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) effects. Normal to moderate levels are expected for the rest of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet to unsettled on 15 April due to residual effects from the 11 April CME. Mostly quiet conditions are expected from 16 - 22 April. On 23 April, a recurrent CH HSS is expected to move into geoeffective position causing unsettled to active conditions with continuing quiet to unsettled conditions on 24 April. From 25 - 26 April, another recurrent CH HSS is expected to become geoeffective causing unsettled to active conditions. From 27 April until the end of the forecast period, mostly quiet conditions are expected to prevail.

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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2013 Apr 15	115	8	3
2013 Apr 16	110	5	2
2013 Apr 17	105	5	2
2013 Apr 18	100	5	2
2013 Apr 19	95	5	2
2013 Apr 20	100	5	2
2013 Apr 21	100	5	2
2013 Apr 22	105	5	2
2013 Apr 23	110	12	4
2013 Apr 24	105	8	3
2013 Apr 25	105	18	4
2013 Apr 26	110	15	4
2013 Apr 27	110	5	2
2013 Apr 28	110	5	2
2013 Apr 29	115	5	2
2013 Apr 30	115	5	2

2013 May 01	120	5	2
2013 May 02	120	5	2
2013 May 03	125	5	2
2013 May 04	125	5	2
2013 May 05	125	5	2
2013 May 06	125	5	2
2013 May 07	120	5	2
2013 May 08	120	5	2
2013 May 09	115	5	2
2013 May 10	115	5	2
2013 May 11	115	5	2

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Solar activity will continue to fluctuate at solar flux levels between 90 - 130 s.f.u. during next few weeks. Occurrence of isolated C class flares is expected, some isolated M class flares are likely, X flares are unlikely.

Geomagnetic field will be:
quiet on April 20 - 22, May 1 - 4, 6 - 7, 9,
mostly quiet on April 16, 18, 29 - 30, May 5, 8, 10, May 13,
quiet to unsettled on April 17, 19, 27 - 28, May 11 - 12
quiet to active on April 23, 25
active to disturbed on April 24, 26

High probability of changes in solar wind which may cause changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere is expected on April 24 - 27 (max. on 26), May 4, 9 - 14 (max. on 11).

Remarks:
- Parenthesis means lower probability of activity enhancement.
- If during present year solar activity will not reach a similar or higher level as in November 2011, then 2012 will remain to be the maximum of 24 cycle (R = 70) - and vice versa.

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